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JDV knows where to get gov't funds

BY VOLT CONTRERAS

SPEAKER Jose de Venecia claims to know where and how the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo can get the money to fund its anti-poverty programs.

The money is "underground" and in the bank, and gaining access to it is largely up to the

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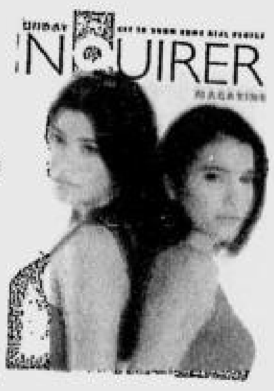

The darling De Rossi sisters, Assunta and Alessandra

The Añonuevo brood, write all

They went to San Francisco to look for Ping's accounts *Story below, col.3*

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COL. MARIO CHAN at US Customs Service in Hong Kong: Team leader

EGDON LISCANO: PNP-Intelligence Group

MARY "Rosebud" ONG: Witness

RODOLFO "Boogie" MENDOZA Jr.: PNP-IG

JOELLE PELAEZ: Tagged along with mom Blanquita

STEPHEN JARUMAY: Legal counsel

BLANQUITA PELAEZ: Plaintiff

3 Basilan hostages free

Pa, 2 sons say clash allowed them to escape

BY JULIE ALIPALA-INOT
PDI Mindanao Bureau

ISABELA CITY—Three farmer-workers seized by the Abu Sayyaf in June from the Golden Harvest Plantation in Lantawan town escaped from their captors Friday in Barangay Lumbang here.

But Col. Hermogenes Esperon Jr., chief of the 103rd Army Brigade, said military pressure forced the bandits to free Vicente Perillo Sr. and his sons Vicente Jr. and Fernando.

Esperon said the bandits, supposedly led by Commanders Hamsiraji Sali and Isnilon Hapilon, clashed with soldiers of the 10th Infantry Battalion late Friday morning.

Vicente Sr. acknowledged that the clash provided him and his sons the opportunity to escape from a group led by Sali.

With the Perillos no longer captives, the Abu Sayyaf is now holding 18 hostages. *(See list on Page A15.)*

"I grabbed my two sons," Vicente Sr. said in Filipino. "We hid behind boulders. We stayed overnight at the clash site, but we were separated from our companions."

He named the three other captives who were with them as Faizal Benasing, Reynaldo Ariston and Ruben Valdesamor Jr.

Vicente Sr. said he and the other captives were about to have lunch when they heard the sound of gunfire.

"*Kanya-kanya kami ng takbuhan* (We fled separately)," he said.

The Perillos are being debriefed at the 24th Special Forces detachment in Lumbang.

There are varying accounts of the circumstances of the Perillos' freedom.

The Associated Press quoted Esperon, commander of Task Group Thunder, as saying that the Perillos were rescued around 6 a.m. yesterday following three separate clashes between the troops and the bandits until late Friday night.

But an initial report by Basilan

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Meet 'the team to beat Lacson'

BY CHRISTINE HERRERA

IN EARLY June, at a hotel near the San Francisco airport, a duty officer at the front desk was curious about a team of six Filipinos that had recently checked in. The US Customs Service had told the hotel to charge the six a US government rate for their rooms, he said.

"The US government shouldered almost half of the hotel rate for this team. What's with this team, anyway? Who are they—FBI agents, CIA, DEA agents or US Customs agents? What are they here for?" Ernesto Gregorio, the front desk officer, asked this reporter, who had come to cover the team.

He didn't wait for an answer. "Well, part of my job is not to ask. So you guys go right ahead, tell them to enjoy our amenities and have a nice stay," Gregorio concluded.

The six Filipinos made up the joint military and police intelligence team sent to San Francisco from June 2 to July 3 to investigate Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson's alleged involvement in money-laundering activities and drug trafficking.

They were led by Col. Mario Chan of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) and Senior Supt. Rodolfo "Boogie" Mendoza Jr. of the PNP Intelligence Group (PNP-IG).

The other members were Egdon Liscano of the PNP-IG, former undercover agent-turned whistleblower Mary Ong, alias Rosebud, civilian Blanquita Pelaez and legal counsel Stephen Jarumay.

Chan said the team was formed by Isafp chief Victor Corpus and PNP chief Director General Leandro Mendoza in February, when President Macapagal-Arroyo instructed government intelligence agencies to work jointly in the fight against criminality in the arena of national security.

Chan, who had been promoted to the post of military attaché to India, postponed his trip to that country to lead the mission.

While in California, Mendoza was promoted to the police equivalent of full colonel.

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NBI ready to throw book at Ping

BY MICHAEL LIM UBAC
AND ARMAND N. NOCUM

A DAY after Sen. Panfilo Lacson called National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco a "stooge," the NBI chief said the agency was preparing to file criminal charges against the senator, and claimed that the evidence in its possession would hold up under court scrutiny.

As Lacson continued to parry charges that he was involved in money laundering and drug trafficking, he revealed that he was writing the US Congress a letter to complain about California Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's "intrusion into our internal affairs."

The American congressman "has gone far enough. He is meddling into problems here, which he knows nothing about," Lacson said, adding that Rohrabacher was being "used by local politicians."

He was reacting to a statement from congressional aide Al Santoli released earlier this week, confirming that US agencies were "seriously investigating" the Filipino senator for suspected money laundering.

At the NBI, Wycoco said his men were in the course of consolidating and evaluating evidence as part of a plan to file the case against Lacson in the Department of Justice.

Confident that his agency has the "goods" on the beleaguered senator, Wycoco disclosed that NBI legal experts were also studying the possibility of filing a plunder complaint against the former Philippine National Police chief.

Responding to Lacson's statement describing the NBI's purported confirmation of the senator's alleged bank accounts as "hogwash," Wycoco said: "Well, we will see if that statement will hold water when the NBI files graft charges against him."

In Malacañang, presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao implied that Lacson's remarks about Wycoco showed that he was "panicking."

"Maybe the people concerned should not be panicking, calling people names," Tiglao told reporters. "(They should) deal with the

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MANDY NAVASERO

BUILDING FOR OTHERS
PDI chair Marixi R. Prieto (left) takes a breather with fellow builders Fernando and Kit Kat Zobel de Ayala at Pinugay, Montalban, Rizal, site of the Habitat for Humanity's World Leaders Build project.

Brunei holds 'mother of all auctions'

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN—About 10,000 items, from gold-plated toilet paper holders to helicopter simulators belonging to Brunei's extravagant Prince Jefri Bolkiah, went under the hammer Saturday.

British auctioneers Smith and Hodgkinson have billed as the "mother of all auctions" the six-day sale of items owned by a bankrupt firm of Jefri.

More than 1,000 foreigners and locals packed a heavily guarded former plaster factory converted into a warehouse to bid for a share of the royal possessions.

A marble table worth 350 Brunei dollars (US$195) was the first to go, followed by a brass cannon for 1,500 Brunei dollars. A storage racking system went to a local businessman for 25,000 Brunei dollars.

"I am hoping to buy some of the kitchen equipment up for auction today," local restaurateur Aishah Yusof told reporters outside the disused factory.

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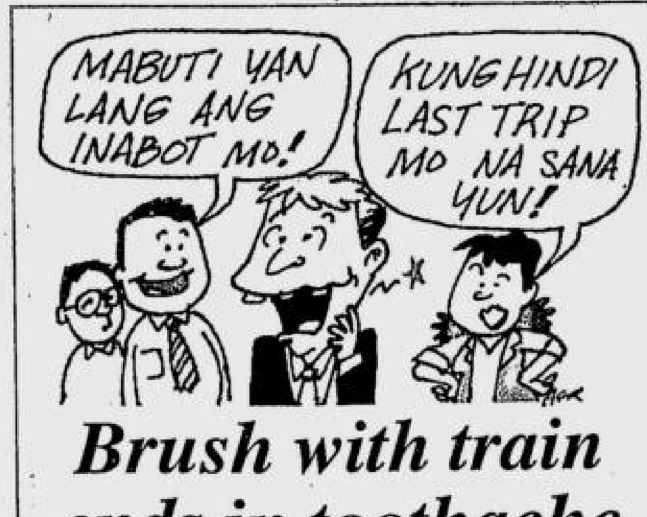
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Brush with train ends in toothache

KUALA LUMPUR—An Argentine fell on the path of a high-speed train in Malaysia, but escaped with only damage to his teeth, a Malaysian newspaper reported on Saturday.

"I was hit and my jaw is terribly painful now," Gabriel Anpelotti Notarbar was quoted as saying after his brush with a Light Rail Transit train in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday.

Notarbar, 23, a website designer based in the Malaysian capital, was waiting for the train at a suburb station when he slipped and fell onto the tracks.

The Malaysia's Star newspaper pictured Notarbar pinned by the side of a locomotive looking bruised and bloodied after the computerized train screeched to a halt on sensing an intrusion on the tracks. *Reuters*

MABUTI NA YUNG SIGURADO!

New Basilan probe ordered

Gloria directs military to review Nacorda evidence

By Donna S. Cueto
and Cynthia A. Borgueta
PDI Visayas Bureau

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered "another review" of the allegations made by Basilan Catholic priest Fr. Cirilo Nacorda that at least five military officers had connived with the Abu Sayyaf bandit group.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said Ms Macapagal ordered the review "in the interest of transparency," this time focusing on evidence the priest claims to have on the supposed connivance.

The military has denied Nacorda's allegations, after an investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General.

"Now, in the interest of transparency, the President wants another review, another investigation specifically directed at whatever alleged evidence Father Nacorda has," Tiglao said yesterday in a press briefing.

Hard evidence

Nacorda has said he has "strong and hard evidence" to back up his allegations that Gen. Romeo Dominguez and four other military officers had allowed the cornered Abu Sayyaf to escape for a fee.

Dominguez was commander of the Army's 1st Tabak Division that was at the forefront of the offensive against the kidnap group.

Nacorda said he was collecting sworn statements from people who would testify that certain military officials had allowed the Abu Sayyaf to escape from a surrounded hospital compound in Lamitan, Basilan, on June 2.

Tiglao said no less than Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes has described the inspector general's investigation as "very meticulous."

In Tacloban City, Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Diomedio Villanueva told the Inquirer the AFP found no basis for Nacorda's charges.

'Inquiry was done'

"The inquiry was done. There was (no evidence to prove) they allowed the hostage takers to escape," Villanueva said.

Villanueva was in Tacloban yesterday on his way to Oras, Eastern Samar to visit military recruits in training.

Villanueva said the AFP investigating team learned that Nacorda would not talk to anyone for three days after he escaped from his Abu Sayyaf captors during the military siege of St. Peter's Church in Lamitan on June 2.

During those three days, Nacorda was "very silent" and "refused to talk to anyone who tried to engage him in conversation," Villanueva said.

He said it was only on June 6 that the priest started talking, "but not in his usual manner as he was talking endlessly."

He said he sent an investigating team to Basilan on June 9 after getting reports that Dominguez and four other officers had conspired with the bandits, allowing them to escape through the back gate of the hospital compound.

The other officers accused along with Dominguez were Col. Jovenal Narcise, then acting commander of the 103rd Army Brigade; Captains Hubert Acierto and Nicolas Quemado, both aides of Narcise, and Maj. Eliseo Campued, executive officer of the 18th Infantry Battalion.

'Nothing to probe'

Villanueva said the investigating team, which was composed of seven officers from Camp Aguinaldo, found no evidence to hold Dominguez and the other officers responsible for the escape of the Abu Sayyaf.

"So there was nothing to probe," Villanueva said.

At Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija, AFP deputy chief of staff Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu said the only link between the Armed Forces and the Abu Sayyaf is that of mortal enemies.

"Yes we have links with the Abu Sayyaf—we are mortal enemies. We have placed all our military might, all our forces (behind the effort) to destroy this Abu Sayyaf," Cimatu told the Inquirer Saturday.

He said the AFP will cooperate fully with any investigating body that would look into the alleged collusion of military officers and Abu Sayyaf bandits in Basilan.

"We have yet to receive the order to investigate (the AFP-Abu Sayyaf link). We will comply. We assure you we are going to conduct a very impartial investigation. We will continue to prove to you that the Abu Sayyaf is our mortal enemy," he said. ***With Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Wanted: New job for Misuari

By Donna S. Cueto

MALACAÑANG yesterday said that it was looking for another government post to give to Nur Misuari who was eased out as chair of the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development.

Presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said an ambassadorial post was one of the options being considered but Misuari preferred a post that would not require him to leave Mindanao.

"Misuari decided that he would stay in Mindanao to help out the Bangsamoro people," Tiglao said.

Asked if Misuari could be appointed as a presidential adviser, Tiglao said "that could be one of the alternatives, but it has not been decided what kind of post he would be agreeable to holding."

President Macapagal-Arroyo appointed Cotabato City Mayor Muslimin Sema to replace Misuari as SPCPD chair effective Aug. 10.

Sema is secretary general of the MNLF and a former executive director of the SPCPD.

'Sensitive reasons'

Tiglao said the MNLF executive committee had given very "sensitive reasons" for recommending Misuari's replacement which prompted the President to act immediately.

He refused to divulge these reasons, but added that the government was not duty-bound to appease Misuari.

The 15-man MNLF executive council made the recommendation to replace Misuari with Sema as SPCPD chair two weeks ago.

Tiglao downplayed fears that Misuari, who said he was "saddened" by the President's decision, would resort to violence.

He said Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo and Presidential Adviser for Regional Affairs Paul Dominguez had talked to Misuari about two weeks ago.

"The two reported that Misuari would be agreeable (to his replacement) and won't resort to violence especially because he is still the ARMM governor. He is still a member of government," Tiglao explained.

MISUARI: 'Saddened'

The President, however, has not yet talked to Misuari.

"The President would like to thank ARMM Gov. Nur Misuari for his magnanimity and for his invaluable contribution to the historic peace settlement between the government and the MNLF, including the many years he served the SPCPD as chairman," Tiglao said in a statement.

"She hopes he will continue to help the government's efforts to uplift the lives of our Muslim brothers in another appointive position," he said.

Tiglao said that the President felt that the pace of social and economic development in Mindanao must be quickened.

"She would like to deliver the message that peace and development are but both sides of the same coin, the coin of national stability and progress," Tiglao said.

Cabinet officials earlier questioned the need to replace Misuari as SPCPD chair when his term will end soon—after the results of the Aug. 14 ARMM plebiscite are known, or on Nov. 26 at the latest.

In Cotabato City, reports said that Sema was being groomed by some Palace officials to also replace Misuari as MNLF chair.

But in an interview over radio dxMY here, Sema professed surprise. "We never anticipated this action from Malacañang," he said.

Sema is a member of the 15-member MNLF executive council that sidelined Misuari and named him "chairman emeritus," a non-performing title.

Malacañang-instigated?

Misuari immediately blamed an alleged Malacañang-instigated intrigue to divide the MNLF that signed a peace pact with the government in 1996.

An MNLF insider said the council of 15 would have to choose from among themselves whom to appoint overall leader of the organization.

It would likely be a fight between Sema and MNLF foreign affairs committee chair Farouk Hussin, the source said.

"But with Malacañang's blessings bestowed upon Sema when it appointed him SPCPD chair, the city mayor becomes a much heavier contender to the highest MNLF post," he said.

Peace advocate Fr. Eliseo Mercado Jr. said, however, that the influential Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) still recognized Misuari as the "legitimate leader of the MNLF" and the "MNLF as the voice of the Bangsamoro people."

The OIC will have to pass another resolution in support of the new MNLF leadership under the 15-member executive council, Mercado said.

"The government is now banking on the council of 15 to become the legitimate MNLF, its partner in the peace agreement. It would no longer be the MNLF under Nur Misuari," commented Mercado, who believes that the MNLF power struggle was a Malacañang-orchestrated game. ***With a report from Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Palawan resorts put up own air force

By Norman Bordadora

IF the inadequately equipped Philippine Navy cannot ensure peace in Palawan's beaches, private resort owners will set up their own air force to help shoo away Abu Sayyaf terrorists.

The Palawan Tourism Council is in the process of commissioning helicopters to help the Navy patrol the province's beaches, particularly the small island resorts around the main island.

"While it is the government's responsibility to provide a security umbrella for all, the private sector is willing to support the government at least to augment its limited resources," said Alberto Lim, president of the tourism council.

The private sector has agreed to undertake several initiatives on its own, one of which is the commissioning of at least two helicopters to patrol Palawan and the islands around it, Lim said.

The council met earlier this week in Puerto Princesa to discuss enhanced security precautions to reassure foreign and domestic travelers that their lives would be safe in Palawan.

Lim also reported that the tourism council has agreed to set up a communications network that will soon link all tourist resorts, provincial and municipal governments and government security agencies.

"(Other measures) will be the deployment of additional security personnel and special training of resort security and staff, especially in the island-based resorts," Lim said in a statement.

The head of the tourism council added that the PTC will increase the scope of their patrols of various tourism destinations in the province in coordination with the police.

"The private sector will also encourage the community to be involved in information gathering and surveillance, especially at the barangay level," Lim said.

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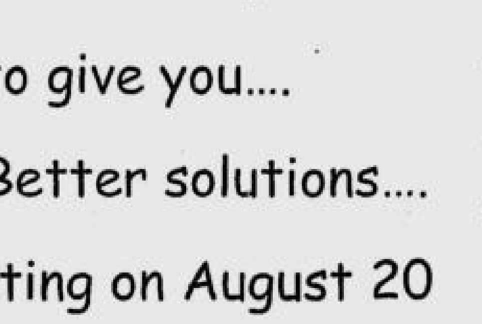

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Running priest urges boycott vs Gordon

By Norman Bordadora

RUNNING priest Fr. Robert Reyes has asked tourism department employees to boycott Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon whom he accused of promoting sex tours to Olongapo City when he was mayor there in the 1980s.

Reyes, who was supported by the DOT Employees Association, said that many people suffered in Olongapo City as a result of the Gordon's alleged encouragement of the proliferation of strip bars and brothels in the Zambales city just outside the Subic US naval facility.

The DOTEA has called on the employees to go on strike to drive Gordon out of office in the same way that protesting Social Security System employees ousted SSS president Vitaliano Nañagas III.

Several employees, however, seemed unimpressed with Reyes and DOTEA's protest call especially after the running priest went around the offices with a live snake last Friday.

"It was an unwelcome shock," said Tess Sison, an employee at the office of Undersecretary Rolly Reyes. Sison, who has a heart ailment, almost passed out when she saw the snake.

Glodell Medina, an employee in Gordon's office, said that though the group of protesters had voiced protests and slogans, they made no effort to talk with anyone and were probably simply using the DOT offices as a venue to make the footage more interesting.

"I told him (Reyes) that he was simply intimidating us, that he should quit because we had to concentrate on our work," Medina said.

DOTEA employees staged noontime protest actions against Gordon last summer, but these petered out from lack of support. The DOTEA cancelled all protest actions last month.

DOT employees observed that the protesters were not their colleagues but had been brought in by Reyes and his associates.

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PCGG asks 2 banks to hold Tantoco deposits

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE PRESIDENTIAL Commission on Good Government has asked two big banks to hold a multimillion account of the Tantocos under the name of Tourist Duty Free Shops Inc. after the Sandiganbayan allowed the Marcos cronies to withdraw the money.

PCGG Commissioner Ruben Carranza Jr. said he has requested the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. and the Bank of America to "exercise prudence" in their transactions with the Tantocos, owners of the defunct corporation.

The PCGG is monitoring any movements of the P200 million deposits in the name of Tourist Duty Free Shops Inc., which has been sequestered by the government in 1986.

The Sandiganbayan recently issued a resolution that prohibits the PCGG from implementing the writ of sequestration on the two accounts at the RCBC and Bank of America.

The anti-graft court ruled that there was no basis for the writ of sequestration issued by the government, and enjoined the PCGG from further implementing the writs dated March 11, 1986 "until further orders" from the court.

Carranza said the injunction issued by the Sandiganbayan's second division could rob the government of some P200 million believed to be part of the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses and their cronies.

The Tourist Duty Free Shops Inc. was owned by the Tantoco couple, Bienvenido and Glicerin, who were given a monopoly on the sale of imported duty free goods during the Marcos regime.

‘UNANIMOUS CONSENT’

Senate work stalled by 2 words

By Armand Nocum

LEGISLATION at the Senate is hampered by two words—unanimous consent.

Sen. Joker Arroyo yesterday said the insistence of the 11-man opposition on that phrase being included in their vote for chairmanship of the Senate committees was the reason why the Senate operation has been at a standstill for about a week now.

In a telephone interview with the Inquirer, Arroyo said that the opposition's insistence on a unanimous vote—not the issue on the committee chairmanship of Senate President Pro Tempore Manuel Villar and Majority Floor Leader Loren Legarda—was the reason why Sen. Sergio Osmeña had been filibustering.

"They already agreed to give the committees to Villar and Legarda, but they want that in voting the majority senators to their committees, they want it known that the voting was done through unanimous consent," he said.

Booby trap

"If the word unanimous consent is included, then everything will be all right," he quoted opposition senators as saying.

But he said the offer is a "booby trap" for the 13-man majority coalition.

"If we agree to that, it means that there is nothing we can do anymore without their consent," he said, explaining that in future voting, the opposition can also invoke the unanimous consent principle.

"It is like giving them veto powers," he said.

"That becomes now a rule," he said. "What happens if the minority decides to withhold its consent?"

But he said the majority does not the "consent of the minority" on all issues because it has the numbers needed to muster a "majority vote."

The "devious" setup, he said, will thus "paralyze" the whole Senate.

"You now have the situation where the minority is ruling over the majority by invoking the unanimous consent agreement when they want to," he said.

Asked how they will break impasse, Arroyo replied: "Just remove the two words."

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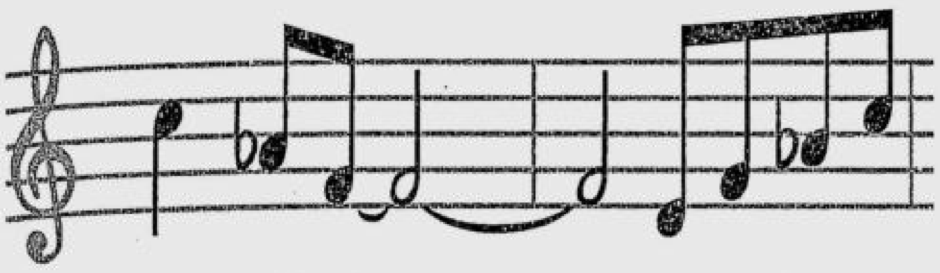

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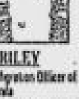

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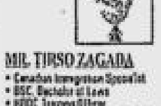

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Boy with brain tumor soars above the clouds

By TJ Burgonio

FINALLY, young Moises "Moy" Tenorio has heard the words, 'Please fasten your seatbelts.'

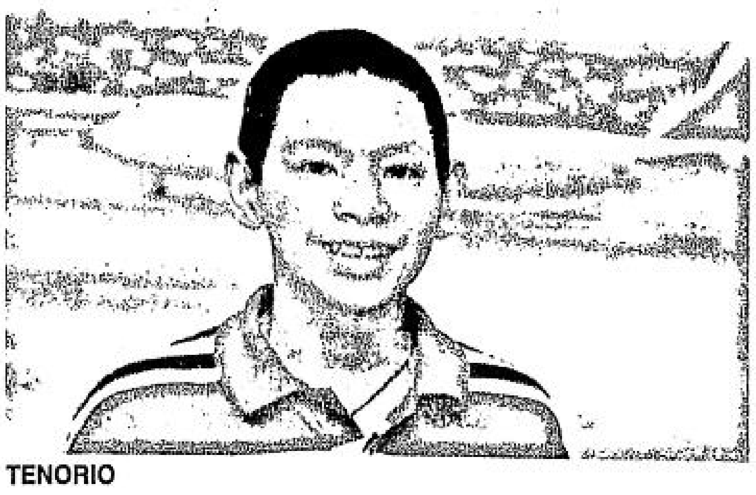
Tenorio—"the boy with a brain tumor who dreams of becoming a pilot someday"—had his first flying experience Thursday courtesy of Cebu Pacific Air.

The 12-year-old was flown round-trip by the airline on its Manila-Cebu run.

The flight was a collaboration of airline executives and a retiring pilot.

After initial jitters, the experience turned pleasant for Moy, who until then had only stepped into wide-bodied planes at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport but had never traveled by air.

"I felt nervous when it took off and prayed hard that it wouldn't crash. But all my fears went away the moment I saw the clouds roll by. They were so beautiful," the boy, who had a window seat on the DC-9, said in a phone interview.



TENORIO

Soaring

He said he was amazed by the sight below, especially of clusters of houses and boats at sea turning into specks as the plane soared higher.

During the flight, Moy, who idolizes a brother who is in the US Air Force, was allowed the rare privilege of entering the cockpit.

Interestingly, his first flight coincided with the last flight of Capt. Eduardo Reyes, who retired that day at age 65.

When the plane landed in Cebu, Moy and Reyes were welcomed by a long line of pilots and airline crewmembers.

Moy was accompanied by his sister, Dr. Bena Tenorio, on the flight, which departed for Cebu at 1 p.m. and returned to Manila at 3 p.m.

Airline managers and Captain Reyes decided to take Moy aboard the retiring pilot's last two flights as a special treat for the boy, who was first featured in the INQUIRER last month.

"We wanted to give him a real flying experience. We didn't want to pass up the opportunity to make the boy happy and realize his dream," said Manolo San Juan, Cebu Pacific vice president for marketing and sales.

The flight offered other surprises for Moy.

As soon as the plane landed in Cebu, some passengers walked up to him and offered words of encouragement.

On the return flight to Manila, a teary-eyed businessman stood up from his seat, went up to Moy and gave him his rosary.

"He said 'I have this with me everywhere I go and use it every time.' Tears were welling in his eyes when he said that," Moy's sister, Dr. Tenorio, said of the businessman, who gave his name as Bert Evio and said his wife died of breast cancer two years ago.

The businessman's gesture also moved Moy to tears. "I cried too," he said.

Darling of the airlines

Moy has become the "darling" of the airlines since he was featured in the INQUIRER last month.

On July 17, he was taken on a tour of the Naia to see its facilities, because he "dreamed of flying planes someday."

Lufthansa Technik Philippines took the aspiring fly-boy into its hangar and showed him the cockpit of a Philippine Airlines jet.

Next, a pilot of the government-owned flying school, the Philippine State College of Aeronautics, offered to fly him in a training plane one clear Saturday morning this month.

Over a week ago, Moy was invited to see a specially designed Boeing 747-400 of Japan Airlines and was allowed to sit in the pilot's seat and tinker with the cockpit instruments before the plane flew out of Manila for Narita.

Disney plane

The aircraft had been painted inside and out with Disney characters.

Moy, the 12th of 13 siblings, quit school after being diagnosed with the tumor in October. He has undergone three months of chemotherapy and 30 days of radiation therapy at the Makati Medical Center.

So far, his response to the treatment has been positive. The chemotherapy shrank the tumor by 50 percent. The radiation therapy left only residuals of the tumor in his brain and spine.

He continues to take antioxidants, calcium supplements and B-complex vitamins, and undergoes magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) tests every six months to monitor the tumor.

Moy said he hopes to return to school in June next year. Until then, he has plenty of time to savor the day he flew over the clouds.

MASBATE VIOLENCE

Espinosa survivor warns of bloodshed

By Roly Embile
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—Mario Espinosa, the brother of slain Masbate City mayor Moises "Jun" Espinosa Jr. warned yesterday there could be more violence ahead if justice is not served.

Espinosa, a former Masbate vice governor, said he would exhaust all legal means to pursue the case of his slain older brother.

"I will not let this go until a convincing solution is found. Otherwise, we will just shoot it out because we will be wiped out completely," he said in a phone interview in Filipino.

Espinosa's fighting mood was triggered by what he said was taunting from the family's political rivals whom he quoted as saying that the Espinosas were politically finished.

He said that there are now only two living second-generation Espinosas, one of them being himself. The other is San Jacinto town mayor Aries Espinosa.

Best PR

Jun Espinosa's murder was a shock to his family and friends because he was reportedly the family member who was the easiest to approach and had the best public relations.

Mario remembers his older brother as being a better *pantomina* dancer than him.

The slain mayor had just finished dancing the *pantomina*, a Bicolano courtship dance, when he was felled at the Bantigue village fiesta dance early last Friday.

Five gunmen opened fire, also killing his dancing partner, 60-year-old Fidela Marcos, and two bystanders.

Of the older generation of the political dynasty founded by the clan's patriarch, four-time congressman Emilio Espinosa Sr. in the early 1930s, two remain in office—an uncle, deputy Speaker for Luzon Rep. Emilio Espinosa Jr. and an aunt, Rep. Vida Espinosa.

Mario said the family had long considered the brutal murders of the first generation of Espinosas—their father Rep. Moises Sr. in March 1989 and their uncle, Rep. Tito Espinosa in 1995—as closed cases which had nothing to do with their generation.

He said he had played the role of peacemaker in the violent and fraud-prone politics of Masbate by not running for any elective position in last May's elections, or try to contest the gubernatorial seat held by incumbent Gov. Antonio Kho.

Compromise

Earlier, he said he accepted a compromise offer from Kho to be his vice governor in 1995, to ease the political situation and prevent more violence. He said he went against the wishes of the hardliners in his family when he accepted the offer.

He challenged Kho to openly support an impartial investigation into his brother's killing and to convince everyone to put an end to the violence.

But Kho, who was among those charged for the killing of Tito and Moises Sr. but is out on bail, has not responded and so far has kept mum about the incident.

The INQUIRER tried repeatedly but failed to contact Kho and his aides.

Espinosa accused the police of negligence and dereliction of duty, causing the immediate relief of Masbate provincial police director Supt. Victor Deona and Masbate City chief of police Supt. Domingo Mendoza.

No policeman

He said it was unusual that there was not a single policeman at the fiesta dance where the mayor was killed.

There were also no policemen present to investigate and provide security after his brother was shot and taken to hospital, he said. No police checkpoints were set up to block the escape of the assassins, he added.

Mario also asked for the immediate relief and investigation of provincial jail warden Charlie Gaga Quidato, reportedly a dismissed military intelligence operative.

He said his family has received information that some inmates at the provincial jail had been freed and had taken part in the murder of his brother.

He said this practice was often used in the past in Masbate, particularly during elections.

Mayor Espinosa, whose remains lie at the family home in Barangay Tugbo, Masbate City, will be interred on Aug. 18.

Meanwhile, a fourth victim of the Friday morning shooting has died at the Masbate Colleges Hospital.

Gennesil Cunanan, a 14-year-old high school student of Barangay Bolo, Masbate City, died from a bullet wound, according to belated reports reaching the police regional headquarters at Camp Gen. Simeon Ola here.

Police also identified those injured as Josefa Cinco, 62, of Barangay Mapena; Filipina Mangurdia, 63, of Barangay Bolo; Rodel Gonzales and Honorato Buig, both 56 of Barangay Bantigue, all of Masbate City.

Brunei holds 'mother of all auctions'

(From page A1)

Yusof and other locals dominated the initial session, bidding for an assortment of furniture and practical items, ideal for small businesses, such as storage shelves and sewing machines.

According to the locals, the foreign bargain-hunters were apparently waiting for the fancier items.

Private treaty

High-priced items such as Italian chandeliers are to be sold at a "private treaty" involving wealthy businessmen.

Despite the excitement of free-flowing money, participants complained the process was too slow and the warehouse "too hot."

They doubted whether auctioneers could finish selling the 900 items listed on Saturday's schedule.

The auctioneers said they were overwhelmed by the number of people who turned out, and extended Saturday's auction by two hours until 8 p.m.

Robin Chin, a liquidator, said: "The bidding is keen. We are happy with the rate of the bidding. We expected 500 people but more than 1,000 turned out."

While some merely came to gawk, collectors and the curious alike had to pay a deposit of 1,000 Brunei dollars (US$550) just to get in.

The 10,000 items in the catalogue, which took Smith and Hodgkinson six weeks to compile, are estimated to be worth several million dollars.

"It's a unique opportunity to buy items which otherwise are unavailable in Brunei," said Jumaat Liman, a local businessman in the tiny oil-rich Southeast Asian sultanate.

Expected sales

Unofficial sources here said they expected sales to reach 30 million Brunei dollars, but independent valuators said 10-15 million Brunei dollars might be considered a success.

George Leslie, a senior partner with the auctioneers, said that "for variety, it is perhaps the biggest auction so far anywhere in the world."

The items come from the 47-year-old Prince Jefri's flagship company Amedeo Development Corp., which collapsed under a mountain of debt three years ago.

The royal treasure trove includes furnishings destined for a chain of luxury hotels and palaces, flight and racing car simulators—including one for a Commanche helicopter—recording studios and 100 Italian chandeliers.

There are also 400 black and gold Victorian lamp posts, two unused Mercedes Benz fire engines, several hundred Louis XIV gilt chairs, a fleet of forklift trucks, 16,000 tons of Italian marble and granite and royal jewelry.

Civil suit

Brunei filed a civil suit against Prince Jefri, then the finance minister, after discovering that the high-living royal was draining the kingdom's considerable foreign reserves.

Amedeo itself nearly bankrupted the Muslim kingdom with one project that transformed a fishing village into a theme park with a world-class hotel, modern hospital, marina, palaces and other facilities.

In a settlement with the government of his older brother Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah last year, the prince agreed to return all the assets he had acquired, including several hotels and high-end properties, aircraft, luxury yachts and businesses such as Aspreys of London.

A luxury yacht called Tits was sold to a Chinese-Australian businessman six months ago. The prince was also rumored to have owned two other yachts named Nipple One and Nipple Two.

Court documents presented at closed-door hearings showed Jefri spent US$2.75 billion over a 10-year period on aircraft, yachts, motor vehicles and jewelry.

While on trial accused of misappropriating nearly US$15 billion, the courts allowed the playboy prince almost US$300,000 a month to support his four wives and 35 children. Jefri now lives in London in Paris.

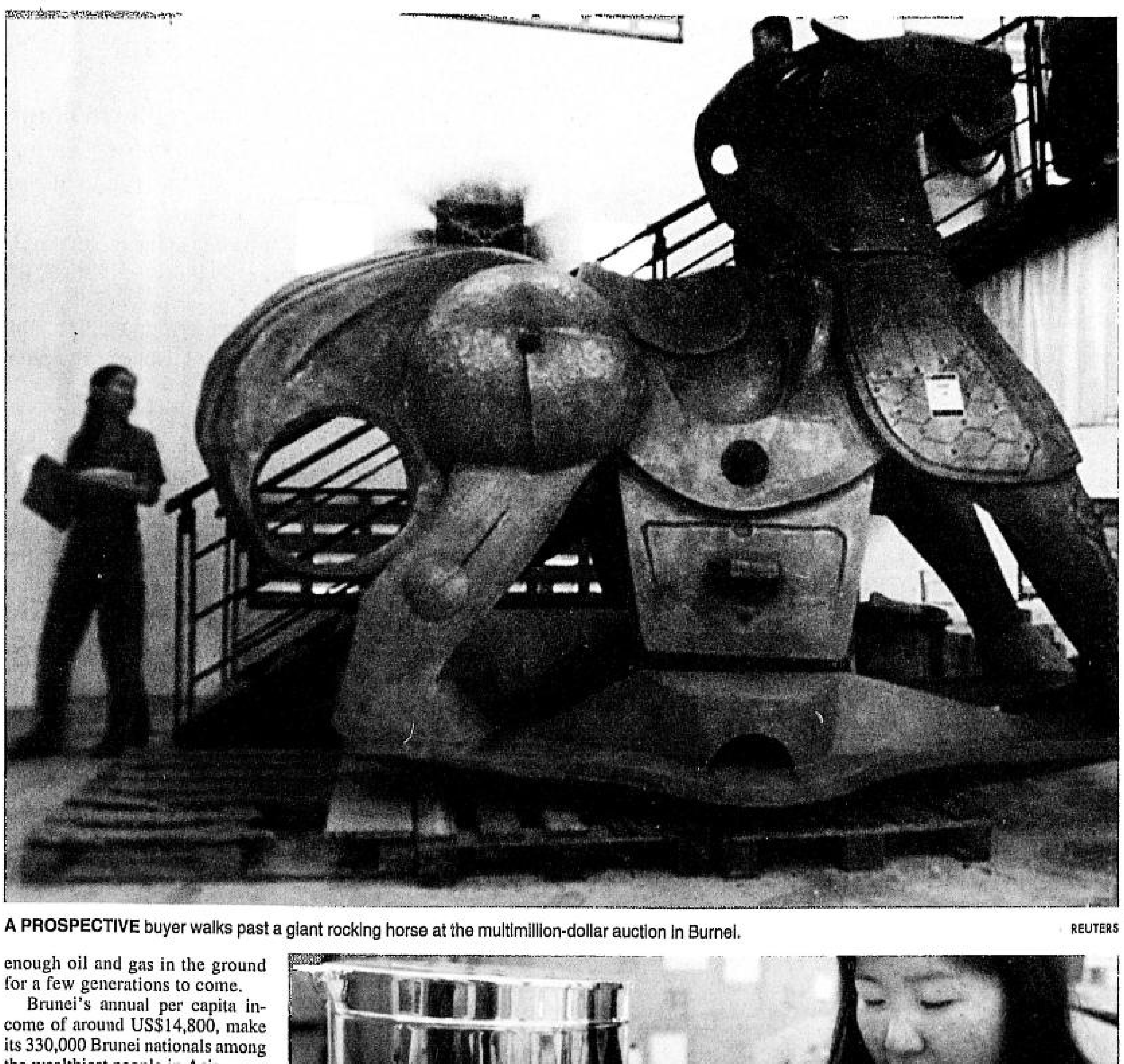
Still enough oil

Even if people are angry with the prince for blowing billions of Brunei's petrodollars, there is enough oil and gas in the ground for a few generations to come.

Brunei's annual per capita income of around US$14,800, make its 330,000 Brunei nationals among the wealthiest people in Asia.

Although the wealth is concentrated in a few largely royal hands, the people in this tiny country are better off than most of their neighbors. Filipino or Thai expatriates do most of the menial work.

There is a free health care system, subsidized housing, plenty of Japanese and German cars on the roads and virtually no political dissent. ***Reports by AFP and Reuters***



A PROSPECTIVE buyer walks past a giant rocking horse at the multimillion-dollar auction in Burnei. REUTERS

A MALAYSIAN gawks at gold-plated toilet items on sale at the auction. REUTERS

DECS to drop culture, sports

BY CRISTINA ARZADON
PDI N. Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—The education department will be literally dropping excess baggage beginning this month as it reverts to its original name as the Department of Education.

Education Secretary Raul Roco, however, did not say what department would take charge of the culture and sports functions attached to the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

Roco, who keynoted the birth anniversary celebration of the late Gov. Roque Ablan Sr. here on Thursday, also met with more than 1,000 teachers and education executives in the Ilocos region.

Even as he announced a leaner department, Roco assured teachers here of bigger salaries that would come either in salary adjustments or lower interest rates in whatever loans they would apply.

Roco said teachers would receive a 5-percent salary increase that Congress earlier approved in a special session called by President Macapagal-Arroyo in their August paychecks.

Less interest

"We have convinced the GSIS (Government Service and Insurance System) to pay for your loans, so that if you are paying 36 percent interest now, (under the GSIS), you will be paying only 12 percent. That is one way of increasing teachers' pay," he said.

Roco said his department would submit a budget proposal of P103 billion, 93 percent of which goes to teachers' salaries, for 2002.

The new budget is P100 million more than what the DECS intended to request to provide Internet access to all elementary and high school divisions.

"We will talk to each other only through local networking. We will have (to) e-mail each other," he said.

The education chief said he hopes to empower the teachers by providing them direct access to his office at any given day.

To show his sincerity, Roco gave the teachers his cellular phone number and his e-mail address.

"On any single day, in my cell phone, I get more than 50 messages. Some of them are just lonely because they have not seen their husbands or boyfriends and girlfriends. I cannot do anything about (them)," he said chuckling.

"But if there is a lending institution that is over deducting from your salary, tell us and within the same day that deduction will be stopped completely."

He urged teachers to focus their instructions on English, Filipino, science and mathematics, including values education, that, he said, will be part of all four subjects.

Arithmetic

"So that when you teach arithmetic, when you say two plus two, the answer is four—not two for you and two for me. Honesty and discipline are part of basic arithmetic," he said.

Roco also led the launching of the DECS' school-based repair and maintenance program here, with the Ilocos and Central Luzon regions as pilot areas.

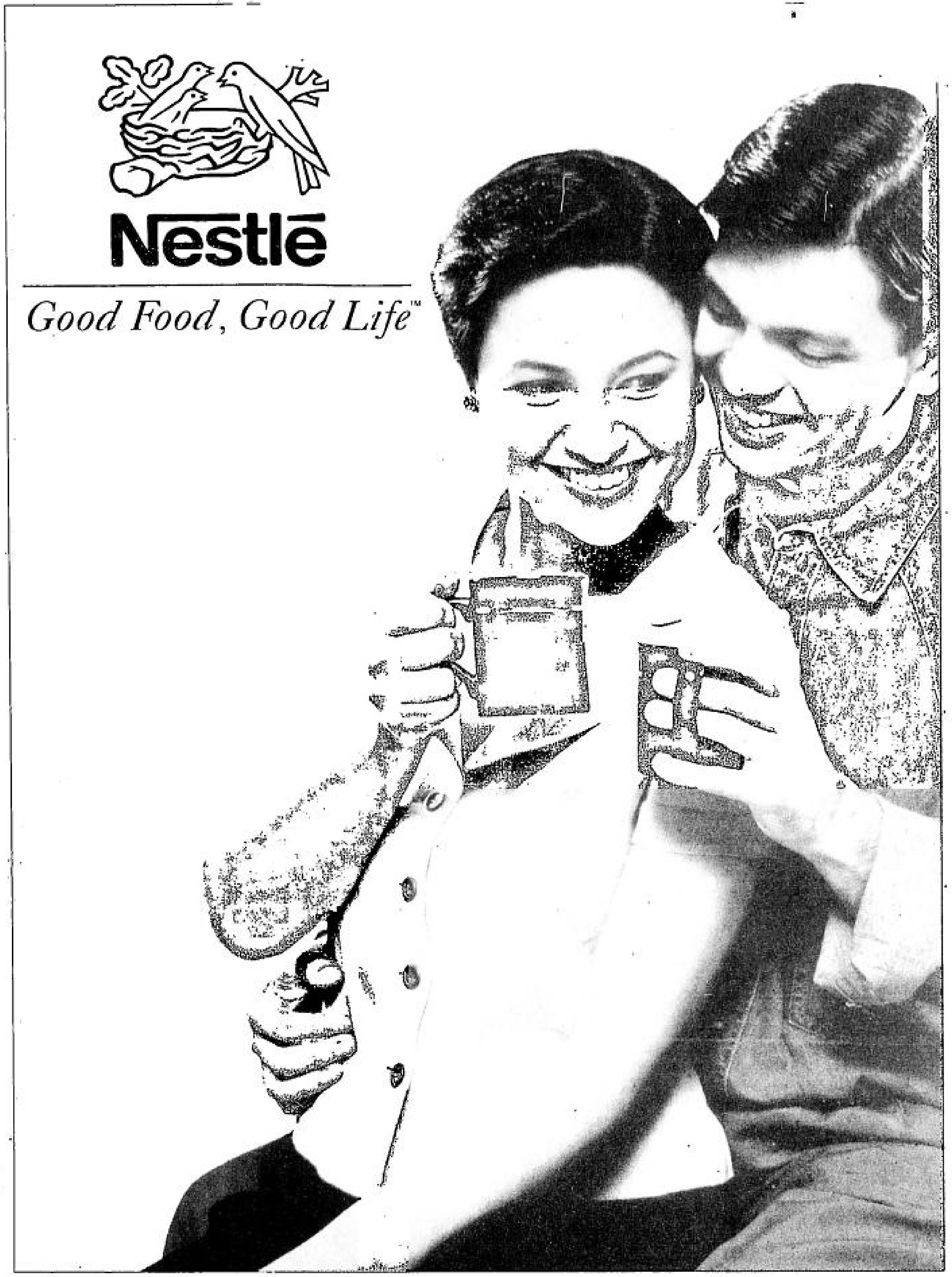
Under the program, the DECS will have operational control of the funds allotted for repair and establishment of school buildings instead of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

"We will show them how to build a school room in 90 days," he said.

Roco said the DECS will build nine-by-seven-meter-school rooms worth at least P300,000 with a toilet in each room.

"Were if not for the fact that we are in the typhoon belt, we will build pre-fabricated schoolrooms. In Mindanao, we are starting with it (prefabricated)—two weeks to put the base, four days to put up the school (it's like the Lego toys). In three weeks, they have one classroom," he said.

The classrooms are said to withstand 230 miles per hour winds.



Philippine Pediatric Society, Inc. Info Box

Ask your pediatrician...

let's talk

DENGUE FEVER

The Philippine Pediatric Society and Reckitt Benckiser join the Department of Health in its campaign to raise awareness about dengue, which is once again a public health concern. Here are some frequently-asked questions about the disease.

1. What is dengue fever? How is it acquired?
Dengue is a febrile illness caused by any one of four different types of dengue virus. It affects all age groups, but most cases occur in children less than 15 years old. The virus is transmitted by the bite of the Asian tiger mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, so-called because of its distinct appearance; a dark background with a white stripe running down its back, and white-banded legs. This mosquito prefers to breed in clean water in and around human environments, and is a day-biter active in the morning and isle afternoon.

2. When do I suspect that my child has dengue? What are the signs and symptoms?
Children with dengue may have continuous high fever lasting 2-7 days, which may be accompanied by non-specific signs such as queasiness, loss of appetite, vomiting and abdominal pain. Children remain ill-looking even after fever resolves, and their condition may worsen with the development of cold and sweaty skin, drowsiness or restlessness. Red spots on the skin, nose or gum bleeding, coffee-like material in the vomitus or black stool may indicate bleeding.

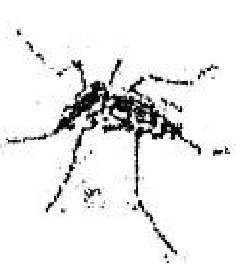
3. Are there any treatments I can start for my child at home?
Children with fever will benefit from cooling measures like wearing loose comfortable clothing and sponge bathing with tap water. Iced water is not recommended for sponge bathing since the febrile child may go into chills because of the rapid change in temperature. Patients should also be encouraged to take plenty of fluids. Paracetamol may be given at the appropriate dosage for the child's weight. Parents and caregivers should also watch out for signs like bleeding and change in behavior, which indicate an immediate need for medical consultation.

4. My child was diagnosed to have dengue. Should he be hospitalized?
Based on the child's physical examination and laboratory results, your doctor should be able to decide whether it is safe to observe the child at home or if he should stay in the hospital. Some of the common reasons for hospitalization include bleeding, abnormal fluid balance and change in behavior.

5. If my child had dengue before, can he still catch it again?
Unfortunately, yes. There are four different kinds of dengue virus and a previous infection with one type does not completely protect against infection from another type. In fact the first infection may have gone unrecognized (appearing as a mild febrile illness) with future infection(s) producing severe symptoms.

6. One of my children was hospitalized for dengue last week. Can my other children also catch the disease?
As long as there are mosquitoes capable of acting as carriers in your home, transmission of the disease is possible. Therefore it is very important for mosquito-control measures to be done to prevent spread of the disease.

7. Isn't there a vaccine to prevent dengue?
Unfortunately there are no vaccines available at the moment to prevent dengue. However, several promising candidate vaccine are being field tested here and abroad may become available for use in the near future.



8. What can I do to keep my child from catching dengue?
The most important measure for the prevention of dengue is the elimination of mosquito breeding sites. This is the definitive factor for controlling spread of the disease. Water found in containers around homes and schools (such as pails, vases, pots, cans and old tires) should be regularly emptied; an alternative is to cover these containers to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

9. What is a Tornequet test?
Tornequet test is used to measure fragility of very small blood vessels using the blood pressure cuff. Although a positive test is one among the diagnostic criteria it is not confirmatory for dengue fever. (DOH criteria). Neither a negative test will eliminate the possibility of dengue fever.

10. What other test could be done?
There is no specific test available that could tell you that your child is having dengue fever. However, during the illness the following could be done to help the clinicians:

11. Why is CBC and platelet count repeated for several times?
To monitor the risk of bleeding and need for confinement.

1. CBC and Platelet count
2. Prothrombin Time
3. Partial Thromboplastin Time
4. Anti-body Titer

12. When do we need to transfuse?
In most cases it is not needed; unless if there's a sign of dehydration and shock (i.e. decreased BP, rapid & weak pulse, cold clammy skin, restlessness) where in plasma is given. In cases of active bleeding fresh whole blood and clothing factors are given.

13. What are the complications to watch out?
The most complications noted are plural effusions (fluid in the lungs) and (slowing of heartbeat) occurring during recovery stage. Other organs maybe affected as follows:

1. brain-covulsions
2. heart-bradycardia, pericordial effusion
3. liver-enlargement of the liver
4. abdomen-fluid in the abdomen
5. kidney-decrease to absent urine output
6. muscles-anasarca

Regular fumigation would also be helpful as well as spraying the site with a mosquito/insect spray. An odourless, low irritant insect spray is recommended. When staying outdoors, insect repellent may be applied to clothing and exposed areas of the body.

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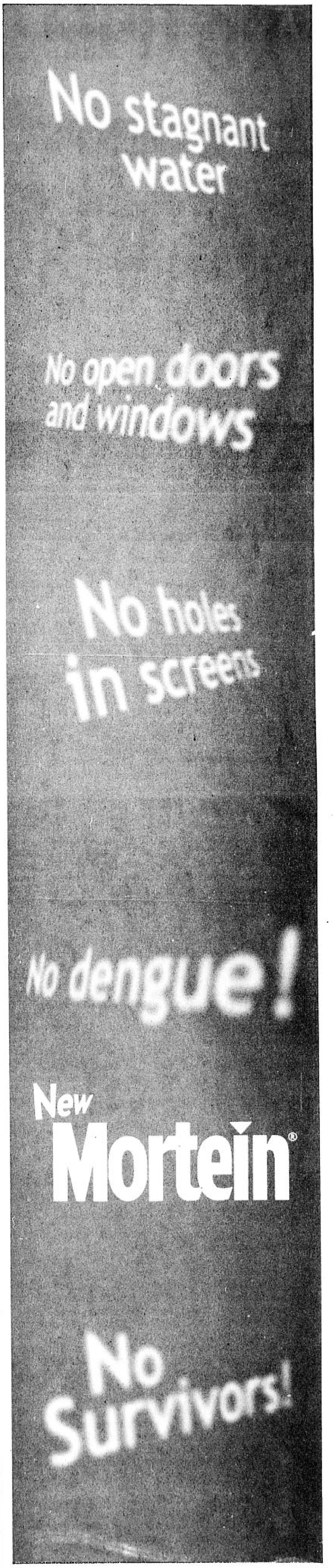

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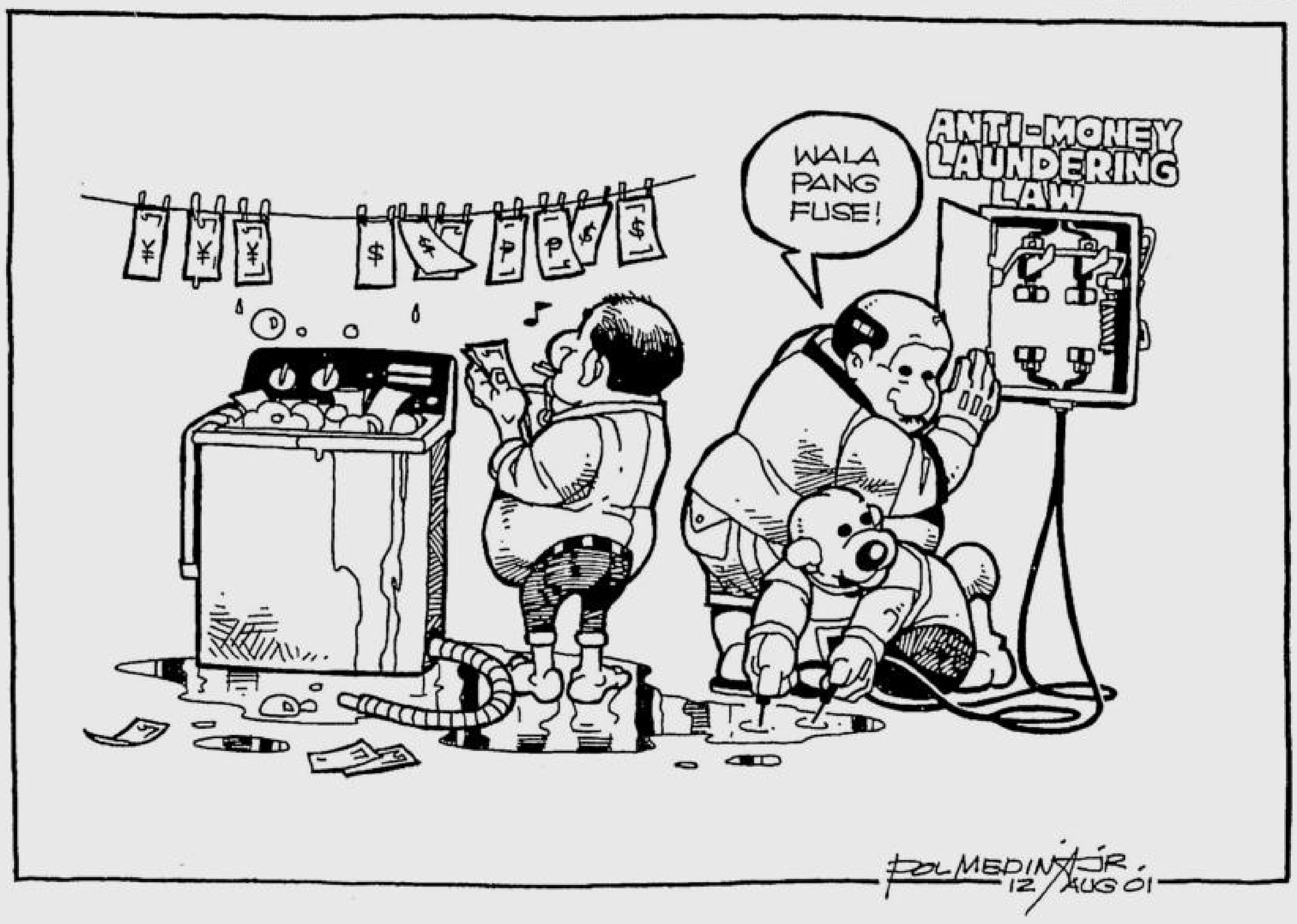

Gov't in media

SPIN MASTERS for the new Congress have generally portrayed it as the den of new politicians. This is not new. Previous Congress sessions had done likewise—to mixed results. But if the starry quality of the current session is any indication, the new Congress has its work cut out for itself. It cannot afford to fail because it has practically covered all bases, including the media.

EDITORIALS

But what's new about the new Congress is not exactly new. Then as now, politicians hogged the limelight with rhetorical flair and publicity stunt. The only difference is that while before they huffed and puffed to pander to the media, nowadays they settle themselves in the comfort zone of the television studio, made to look glamorous by makeup men and hairstylists, and act out or enunciate their lines before the cameras. The others have newspaper columns with fancy logos or titles and their own digitally enhanced photographs where they can at least appear serious and authoritative even if their commentaries are not.

In short, politicians have not only invaded the media, they have conquered them.

Time was when journalists pounded the beat and wrote hard-hitting stories that became their ticket to the political big time. That was the case with Claro M. Recto, Lope K. Santos, Amado Hernandez and even Ninoy Aquino Jr. Now, it appears that politicians use elective posts to gain air time or column space in the media.

We exaggerate, of course. Ambitious politicians generally prefer making it big first in the media and using their popularity as a catapult to win elective posts. Television and movie actors who have parlayed their popularity into votes have become models of political success, particularly for wannabe politicians.

The denizens of show business have shown that in the imperfect democracy that is the Philippines', all that one has to do is look handsome or pretty, act tough or cute before the camera, and wait for the movie box-office, TV ratings and election returns to ring merrily. As a result, they have won legions of fans among our politicians who have become masters at aping the stars.

Not everyone can look as glamorous as the stars, but even politicians can dream, can't they?

Media in gov't

BUT we are not concerned here with the entertainment media, but rather the news media. We are concerned about lawmakers and government officials who take on the mantle of newsmen and public affairs commentators, blurring the distinction between the government and the press, between the watched and the watchdog, the hounded and the hound. We are talking about Blas Ople, Franklin Drilon, Gregorio Honasan, Rene Cayetano, Noli de Castro, Loren Legarda and several other legislators who have television and radio shows or newspaper columns.

Their example shows their woeful disregard of the ethics of both the press and the public service. The press, because the institution calls for keeping a critical but constructive watch on government. And the public service, because elective officials are required to work full time in the interest of the people, setting aside all distractions, including media appearances and opportunities to profit from such.

People expect a relatively more demanding deportment of members of the news media as they do of elective officials. The print media, for instance, have a strict code of ethics which, while more honored in the breach than in the compliance, generally has compelled practitioners to treat their profession with the utmost dignity and dedicated regard for the public good. Some sectors of the broadcast media require of their news anchors and readers not to appear in commercials and trivialize their images. In contrast, we have the case, for instance, of Legarda, who not only has held on to her media ties while occupying an elective seat, but also appears in a detergent commercial.

Clearly, much is required of members of the news media. They should have the skill and the critical acuity to gather and process information as well as dispense honest and properly balanced opinion. Much is also required of elective officials who have to craft legislation based on the needs and interests of the people. Our lawmakers and other officials cannot be both in media and in government. They only do so by exhibiting indifference to ethics.

Slay the serpent

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I'M irrevocably opposed to censorship because I believe with John Milton that it is impossible to find a person base enough to accept the office of censor and good enough to perform its functions. We should not hesitate to give full rein to our opinions, subject only to appropriate legal sanctions if we exceed the reasonable limits of the law.

Restraint in the enjoyment of freedom of expression should come not from the government but from us as responsible members of the free society. The associations or enterprises to which we belong should be able to police themselves without interference from officials who think they know best what is good for us. Relying on others to act as our conscience is a ridiculous idea. Only pious do-gooders will submit to this conceit and not honest persons with convictions of their own.

The entertainment media should not be regulated by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board, but by their own self-censorship office. There is such an agency in the United States enforcing the Motion Picture Production Code adopted by the movie producers themselves to protect the prestige and purposes of their industry. There should be a similar office here, also independent of the government.

Many objectionable shows on local television and the movies are causing much injury to our culture. But although they are mostly immoral, stupid, imitative, immature or plain garbage, I do not suggest their suppression by the MTRCB. It is the audience of this revolting fare that I hope will finally reject it as an affront to their taste and intelligence. Better still, the entertainment industry could, in a belated act of contrition, cleanse itself of the unspeakable dross it has been grinding all these years.

One example is the much-ballyhooed movie "Red Diaries." The police want it banned because of the alleged slur on their image, which is tattered enough as it is. They are there depicted as drunkards, wife-beaters, rapists, murderers, drug dealers and all-around scoundrels. The movie is in fact a fair representation of the police based on the almost daily reports of their shenanigans. I personally would not support banning it for presenting policemen in their true ugly colors.

But even as I would defend that film for its candor (never mind that it might exaggerate a little), I would denounce it as an insufferable mediocrity. From the artistic viewpoint, there is nothing to recommend it. I willed myself to sit through it in hopes of discovering a single redeeming virtue but I found none. The sex appeal of the female star was not enough to rescue it from the trash heap of potboilers better burned than seen.

Another atrocity, this one on television, is that soap commercial showing a pregnant woman boasting that her husband, who is embracing her, is "*tigasin.*" That is the vernacular for "hard," suggesting sexual prowess. The ad claims the soap is not soft, but the message it imparts is that the husband is virile and has no trouble getting an erection. The comparison is far-fetched and coarse. This advertisement has no place in a decent show. If they had any sense of responsibility, its sponsors and the television companies that ran it should have rejected it outright.

Delicacy is something not easy to come by in local entertainment. Among its frippery is the inevitable homosexual who is supposed to send the *bakya* audience rolling in the aisles. That character is not funny but repulsive, he is a disgrace and disservice to his kind. The respectable members of the third gender should have long ago protested this caricature of their sex, but they have been tolerantly silent. As a result, the asinine gay has been institutionalized in local show biz as an indispensable irrelevance.

Many homosexuals are leading dignified lives while openly admitting their condition. Some are respected couturiers, hairdressers, professionals, politicians, artists or plain citizens minding their own business. Admirably, they neither flaunt nor debase their status with indecorous conduct. Their misfortune is that they are also lumped with their more visible brothers/sisters who are mocked by the people for making a parody of their sex.

If there is any single entity that has reduced the homosexual to the limp-wrist mincing object of public derision, it is the entertainment industry. Its leaders obviously believe that insulting the driveling ambiguity will improve the box-office receipts. It will certainly deteriorate instead of elevating the taste of the viewing public, but who cares about that? The impression it will create that we are a nation of gays doesn't bother our filmmakers either.

Homosexuality has been the subject of some American films, but it has been treated, as the Code requires, according to "the dictates of good taste and a regard for the sensibilities of the audience." I remember, for example, the sensitive handling of "The Children's Hour," starring Audrey Hepburn and Shirley MacLaine. The current TV sitcom "Will and Grace" is funny without being offensive, unlike our counterpart local shows, which are simply vulgar and not funny.

Our entertainment industry can exploit homosexuals at will because they do not mind being maligned and perhaps even enjoy it. A few have actually made a career (and fortune) of being *bakla*, which is queer. Besides, unlike homosexuals in other countries, our gays are not aggressive enough to constitute a marginalized group and enter Congress as party-list representatives. Some disguised machos have made it, however, and in the Senate yet, but not as candidates of the third sex.

Coming back to my original thesis, the flaws of our entertainment industry, while harmful and censurable, should be corrected not by the government but by the industry itself. This is a responsibility it should not evade. Our producers and directors should be able to stand up and answer for their own mistakes and, in the process, possibly improve their craft. As for the MTRCB, it is an officious office and a serpent to be slain.

Tsk, tsk, tsk, money, money, money

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

WHEN we were little children growing up in Bani, Pangasinan, there was this *bangar* tree at the back of our school. It stood by the river unnoticed all throughout the year, but in the summer, it became the center of attraction because of its beautiful bright red orange flowers in full bloom! What a sight! But equally, it was also the center of distraction because of its foul odor. What a smell! Papa and Mama often took the occasion to remind us that more than external beauty, it is the *ugali*, the inner character and beauty, that matters in a person.

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The Gospel today (Lk. 12:32-48) reminds us not to worry or be too concerned about material treasures which thieves can steal and moths can destroy. The Lord knows that material possessions can imprison a person, for indeed, where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Consider a simple laborer who sleeps soundly at night, grateful that he made it just for the day. On the other hand, consider a billionaire, who cannot sleep because he is worried that he might lose his billions if he is kidnapped, or if there is a bank run, etc. Double his worry if the money involved is dirty money and he may be prosecuted etc, etc. Triple his worry if in the end, he will face his Creator and realizes that he has wasted his whole life, has sold his very soul to the devil and he has lost his God because of money, money and money.

And for what? For 60, 70, 80 years of a good and comfortable life? Is it really worth it all to live and die for money and for the things that money can buy?

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I believe that every person is basically good. For that matter, money, as such, is basically good. But we do know that a good person can be corrupted by greed for money. Money can indeed grip our life, our lifestyles, our personality, our relationships and our very souls. Greed is still the best, the most effective and the most handy tool of the evil one to destroy a person, a family, a nation.

What has your money and your love for money done to you? Are you a better, a happier person because of your money?

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Someone rightly said that it is not easy to be rich. *Mahirap raw din pala ang maging mayaman*. That's right. To whom much is given, much is also required. It is a big responsibility to make sure that you are not "filthy rich," and that you do not have in your hands "dirty money," i.e., money acquired or amassed through fraud, deceit or violence. It is likewise a big responsibility that you use your money for your salvation, not for your condemnation. Is your money stashed away somewhere just earning interest? Share your money and earn interest for your starving and malnourished soul in need of salvation.

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Remember the story of one Filipino missionary who was caught by a civil war in his place of assignment? His European and American confreres went panic buying. He? *Nag*-panic *na lang. Walang pang* buying! This simple missionary had nothing to buy and nothing for buying. How about you? Will you have a lot of cramming and panic buying when you come to the "last minutes" of your life?

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I wish we will hear more of simple and good people and be inspired by their life story and example. One simple and faithful servant I remember to this very day is Bro. Daniel Duerr, SVD, a German religious brother who took upon himself the lowliest work in our seminary, which was taking care of "our pigs." After every meal, he gathered the leftovers with his bare hands. And he did it all with joy and humility. On his golden anniversary, we called him up the stage to make a speech. For a while he just stood there. All the more we realized his simplicity and poverty when he said, "Please excuse me, this is the first time I ever talked to an audience, and the first time I am using a microphone..."

Poor indeed in the eyes of the world, but rich in the eyes of God!

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Aug. 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. We honor and remember this lowly woman who was poor and hidden, but who did everything with much love.

And so it is that the world never knows the many beautiful things deep inside our hearts, nor will it notice the good things we do, but, the only comfort and assurance we have is that our Heavenly Father knows and sees everything. He knows the real score. Divine justice, though slow, will surely catch up in the end.

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This column will not allow the life and the work of Fr. Cirilo Nacorda to go unnoticed. He has been through a lot of pain and persecution just because he is a priest and because of his pursuit of the truth. I don't know what will happen to this brother-priest of mine, but whatever will happen to him, I know that he is an instrument of peace that is pleasing to the Father. We need more people like him who are willing to live and to die for truth, goodness and God. The problem with this country is that we have too many people who are willing to live and die for money. Tsk, tsk, tsk...

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, remind me to live and die for you and not just for money and the things that money can buy. Amen.

Ping stings Victor

CROSSCURRENTS

Antonio T. Carpio

THERE are many of us who would like to see Sen. Ping Lacson finally prosecuted for the Kuratong Baleleng rubout, a non-bailable multiple murder case. There are also many of us who are just waiting for evidence linking Lacson to the Bubby Dacer murder case, another non-bailable crime involving Lacson's closest aides, Michael Ray Aquino and Cesar Mancao. The two recently fled the country to escape criminal prosecution.

Last week, Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines chief Victor Corpus made the stunning disclosure that Lacson stashed away some US$392 million in 17 accounts in three foreign banks in Hong Kong, Canada and the United States. These accounts, supposedly accumulated from drug money, are either under Lacson's sole name, or jointly with his wife or with former President Joseph Estrada. Although we desperately want to believe in Corpus, our assessment compels us to conclude that these 17 bank accounts are non-existent.

The last place on earth that a drug lord would put his money in is a US bank, and all the 17 accounts identified by Corpus are with Citibank, Bank of America and Wells Fargo. Eight of these 17 accounts are with US banks located in the United States itself. A person must utterly be dumb to put $392 million in drug money in US banks, assuming he can convince US banks to accept the money in the first place.

The standard practice in all US banks is to require every person depositing $10,000 or more to fill up a form that is sent to US authorities monitoring deposits and remittances of illegal funds. A person, particularly a foreigner, who deposits more than $100,000 is routinely asked to explain the source of the money. If the bank is not satisfied with the explanation, it may even refuse to accept the deposit. It is inconceivable that US banks would allow a Philippine public official like Lacson to maintain deposits ranging from $5 million to $38 million.

The numbers of the bank accounts are a dead giveaway that whoever conceived of them is unfamiliar with banking practices. All the account numbers end in three zeros. Six accounts start with 0800 even if they belong to different banks in different locations. The first three or four digits usually identify the location of the bank branches. A bank branch in California carries a different first three- or four-digit number from a bank branch in New York. All the account numbers have 16 digits, more than what the three banks use in numbering their accounts.

There has never been a written confirmation by US authorities that Lacson owns any of these accounts. Last Friday, Justice Secretary Hernando Perez stated that the US Department of Justice is asking for more details regarding these accounts before it can pursue any investigation. This means that the US DOJ investigation on Lacson's bank accounts has not even started. The story that either Lacson or Aquino was apprehended while carrying several millions of dollars while across the US-Canada border can easily be verified by securing the US customs or police report on this incident. The Isafp team that went to the United States could not even secure a copy of this report.

Lacson has offered to execute a special power of attorney in favor of Corpus to scrutinize all transactions related to these accounts and withdraw any money found in these accounts. The officers of the Manila branches of these banks can sign as witnesses to the SPA. The SPA can be authenticated with the United States, Canadian and Chinese consulates in Manila. Authentication is a routine matter with these consulates.

Any sensible investigator wanting to find out transactions and balances involving Lacson's 17 bank accounts should jump at this offer. The SPA will cut short any tedious and lengthy sleuthing and even eliminate the cumbersome process involved in invoking our mutual legal assistance treaty with the United States. Since the SPA is the key that will open Lacson's fabled vault, there is absolutely no reason why Corpus should think twice about accepting it.

The only possible reason Corpus refuses to accept Lacson's SPA is the realization that these 17 accounts may actually be non-existent. The Citibank Hong Kong branch has stated in writing that the alleged Lacson accounts in Citibank Hong Kong do not exist. The Citibank Asia Pacific Group counsel has also issued a written statement that the alleged Lacson accounts in New York, California, Hong Kong, Canada do not exist.

Who then was the source of Lacson's bank accounts? The culprit is, of course, Ador Mawanay who has been peddling the story that Lacson once asked him to go to San Francisco, California, to withdraw $2 million from Lacson's bank account with Citibank. Fat chance Lacson will entrust Ador with $2 million in cash. When Ador first surfaced, the wily Rey Berroya, former PNP intelligence chief, immediately branded Ador a "*pakawala*" of Lacson. Even Mary "Rosebud" Ong found Ador's revelations incredible. Only Ador could possibly spin a tale as hoary as Lacson's 17 bank accounts.

But who is the master manipulator behind Ador? Could Berroya, who more than anyone else knows how Lacson's mind works, be right that Ador is Lacson's deep penetration agent whose mission is to discredit all those investigating Lacson?

Khmer Rouge trial remains uncertain

NEWS ANALYSIS

Chris Decherd

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia—Cambodia's enactment of a law enabling the establishment of an internationally assisted genocide tribunal to try former leaders of the Khmer Rouge is a legal milestone, but convening such a trial may prove difficult, analysts said Saturday.

King Norodom Sihanouk on Friday signed the landmark legislation "on the establishment of an extraordinary Cambodian court chamber to prosecute crimes" committed when the communist Khmer Rouge held power in 1975-1979.

Members of the Khmer Rouge are blamed for the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians due to disease, overwork, starvation and execution, but no one has been brought to justice for their atrocities.

Surviving leaders of the group could be prosecuted for offenses such as crimes against humanity, genocide and war crimes.

Sihanouk's approval paves the way for talks to begin between the government and the United Nations on details of a UN-assisted tribunal, which would include foreign judges and prosecutors.

Negotiations on establishing such a tribunal may prove difficult because the new law failed to incorporate concerns raised earlier this year by UN legal experts.

Om Yentieng, a personal adviser to Prime Minister Hun Sen, said the UN's concerns were "minor" and that the law is in accordance with the "principles" discussed over the past 18 months with the world body. He expects negotiations to proceed "smoothly."

But several independent analysts disagreed. Lao Mong Hay, director of the Khmer Institute for Democracy, an independent think tank, said he believed negotiations on implementing the law will be "very difficult." "Regardless of the enactment of this law, I'm still pessimistic," he said. "I have strong doubts that the United Nations will accept that legislation."

There remains ambiguity about how a 1996 government amnesty given to one of Khmer Rouge regime's top officials, former Foreign Minister Ieng Sary, will be interpreted by the court.

The United Nations has made it clear it wants the tribunal to be free to indict any suspect, while Hun Sen maintains Ieng Sary deserves credit for helping bring peace to Cambodia by crippling the guerrilla movement when he defected in 1996 with 10,000 soldiers and civilians.

Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot died in 1998 but Ieng Sary and other former top figures live freely in Cambodia.

The United Nations, when the law was being debated in January, urged that it include a phrase stating that any amnesty "shall not be a bar to prosecution," but the government refused.

The issue is sure to be a central stumbling block, Lao Mong Hay said.

The head of the UN legal team on the issue, Hans Corell, wrote in January that the amnesty issue "is a determining factor when it ultimately has to decide on its cooperation with the Royal Government."

Other points requested by the United Nations but not addressed by the law include assurances that the UN appoint the court's deputy director, that defendants can select their own counsel, and that the Cambodian government is mandated to apprehend those suspects who do not voluntarily appear at the tribunal.

Cambodian officials, including Hun Sen, in recent days have emphasized the tribunal law is now nonnegotiable and should be paramount in all future discussions about the tribunal.

Kao Kim Hourn, director of the Cambodian Institute of Cooperation and Peace, another local think tank, said he expects the negotiations to be challenging.

He predicted that the talks may take a long time to finalize an agreement because many "nitty-gritty" issues remain "unresolved."

The negotiations will cover when the tribunal is convened, where it is housed, finances, staffing, how foreign judges and prosecutors will cooperate with their Cambodian counterparts and many other points.

The talks are likely to begin next month, after the United Nations receives official English- and Khmer-language versions of the law from the government, Om Yentieng said.

A United Nations statement issued Friday said it "is prepared to continue to work closely with the government to assist it to undertake a trial that will finally bring Khmer Rouge leaders to justice and provide a measure of accountability for the heinous crimes they committed against their fellow Cambodians and their country."

AP

The silent wars of Victor Corpus

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IN TRYING to pin down Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson on drugs, kidnap-for-ransom and money-laundering charges, Col. Victor Corpus, chief of the AFP Intelligence Service, has clearly picked a formidable target. Lacson is a senator who has just achieved one of the fastest role transformations in our political history. Yesterday he was just a policeman, today he is a senator and tomorrow he may be president. This prospect terrifies Corpus.

He is convinced that such transitions are precisely what laundered drug money makes possible. He has seen enough dangers to our nation's life to make him believe that we may be just a step away from those Central American states that foolishly permitted themselves to be captured by criminal syndicates. The drug lords first bought the police, then they got the judges, and finally they corrupted the entire political system. Today they are the government. This is the scenario that Corpus sees and fears.

Is he imagining things? Can he be trusted?

Let us look at the history of the man, at the many wars he fought silently in his heart, and his own life-defining reversals.

Upon graduation from high school at the De La Salle College in the early 1960s, Corpus made plans to become a Jesuit priest. But his father, a colonel in the Armed Forces, persuaded him to give the military career a try. To please his father, he took the entrance exam at the Philippine Military Academy, and when he passed it, he took it as a sign that a soldier's life was indeed his destiny. But, of all places, the PMA became the origin of his ideological awakening. It was there that his middle-class certitudes were first challenged. Released from his own personal moorings, he joined the militant Kabataang Makabayan while still a cadet.

He joined the Philippine Army as a lieutenant in 1967 after training with Airborne and Special Forces. But against his personal wish, he was transferred to the elite Special Forces of the Philippine Constabulary. He tried to move to the Navy, but found himself stuck with the notorious PC. There he saw how smugglers and warlords routinely corrupted military officers. In 1970, he managed to secure a reassignment to teach at the PMA. In December of that year, together with his classmate Crispin Tagamolila, Corpus defected to the New People's Army, after raiding the PMA armory. His defection stood for the emancipatory impulses of an entire generation of young Filipinos.

It was a critical period in the country's history. Students everywhere were restless. Conditions in the countryside had deteriorated. The hunger in the cities stood in stark contrast to Imelda Marcos' extravagant dinners and fabulous clothes. Her husband had just won a second term under fraudulent and violent circumstances. The United States was fighting an unjust war in neighboring Vietnam, using its bases in the Philippines as staging platforms for its imperial aggression.

Corpus the rebel spent five years with the NPA, teaching military strategy and tactics to newly recruited guerillas. His dedication was so outstanding that in 1975 the Communist Party elevated him to its Central Committee. He enjoyed the trust of the party's highest leaders. But he was already nurturing doubts about the way the party was being run. It was not measuring up to those ideals that he thought set it apart from the government they were fighting.

His disillusionment with the movement became complete when he learned that the highest leadership of the party plotted the bombing of the Liberal Party's proclamation rally at Plaza Miranda in 1971. Until then everyone had assumed that it was Marcos who ordered that barbaric attack on his political enemies. Corpus was convinced that a movement with no qualms about killing and harming innocent people in the pursuit of political objectives could not save the country. One night in January 1976, while waiting to be fetched for reassignment to Mindanao, he slipped out of the "safe house" in which he was staying and called a PMA classmate. He surrendered, but the military announced it as a capture. He stayed in jail for the next 10 years, earning his freedom only when Cory Aquino released all political prisoners to fulfill a promise she made before Edsa I.

Upon his release, Corpus was given back his military commission in the AFP. But not everything was well within the military. In August 1987, some of his former students at the PMA asked him to join them in a bid to oust Aquino. He refused and turned around to expose the scheme. He felt he had seen enough of military adventurers of various stripes who, goaded by personal ambition, launch reckless operations in the name of certain ideals.

His career as a soldier has been on a roller coaster ever since. He was assigned to a small command in Panay, where he became a farmer. He won a fellowship to Harvard to study public administration. After Edsa II, he was named head of the Intelligence Service of the AFP. This is the same office that compiled a dossier on him from the time he was a young PMA instructor with doubtful political leanings until his defection to the NPA.

His critics who note the numerous times he has turned his back on the things he believed in now ask whether such a man has any credibility left. They say he is either naïve or dishonest or both.

Corpus is anything but dishonest. Here is someone who strives to live his philosophy but refuses to be a captive of any dogma. His eyes are open, his intrinsic faith unshaken. This is a person who is not afraid of reinventing himself. He has fought many silent wars with himself, and he is free. He may make mistakes, but I do not question his motives.

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GMA's dilemma: Land or support services?

COMMENTARY

Conrado Navarro

IN A RECENT column titled, "Man under fire," Rina Jimenez-David narrated how Agrarian Reform Secretary Hernani Braganza was given a "dressing down" by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in front of his colleagues in the Cabinet, not for poor performance, but because the President thought that "his targets were 'too low,' and far less ambitious than she wanted."

If I remember correctly, among the commitments the President made in her State of the Nation Address is the distribution of "100,000 hectares of private lands and 100,000 hectares of public lands." I do not know if these are the targets that she regarded as "too low," or if these are already the adjusted (that is, higher) targets.

Having worked in the Department of Agrarian Reform for two and a half years (under the Estrada administration), I can only commiserate with Braganza if Ms Macapagal thinks that "100,000 hectares of private lands and 100,000 hectares of public lands" are "too low" a target for the agency to achieve in one year. I say this because, as David correctly pointed out, most of the remaining lands for distribution are among the "most difficult and contentious" lands.

In the first place, the distribution of 100,000 hectares of public lands should properly be part of the targets, not of the DAR, but of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. It is the DENR that is charged with the "distribution" of public lands.

As for the "most difficult and contentious" lands, these include the sugar haciendas in the two Negros provinces, and the commercial farms, mainly banana plantations, in the Davao provinces. The owners of these lands have resorted, and continue to resort, to all kinds of maneuvers, legal and otherwise, to prevent their distribution to their proper beneficiaries: the farmworkers. In not a few cases, the owners have utilized armed groups, again legal and otherwise, to bar the entry of beneficiaries into lands already awarded to them. This is the reason why, during my stint in the DAR, we had to call on the police and the military several times to assist us in putting into the hands of agrarian reform beneficiaries the lands awarded to them.

However, this is just one aspect of the problem. The other aspect, which, in a sense, is more difficult, is assuring that the beneficiaries receive adequate support services so that they can make the lands they now own sufficiently productive to support them and their families. While the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) provides that all agrarian-reform beneficiaries are to be provided with support services in the form of infrastructure (like farm-to-market roads, irrigation and post-harvest facilities) as well as credit and agricultural extension services, the reality is that only a fraction of the estimated three million agrarian reform beneficiaries receive such services.

In order to maximize the impact of meager funds (including foreign assistance, which by now should have reached almost P40 billion), the DAR, from the time of the Ramos administration, has decided to focus its support services on Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs). There should be about 1,500 ARCs all over the country by now. I do not know if the figures have dramatically changed, but the last time I looked at the statistics, all the ARCs combined accounted for less than 500,000 out of 3 million beneficiaries. That is a measly 16 percent of all the beneficiaries.

No wonder many beneficiaries, unable to make their lands productive due to the lack, or complete absence, of support services, have been forced to either mortgage or, worse, sell their awarded lands. There are no reliable figures on how many beneficiaries have mortgaged or sold their awarded lands, but the number could run into tens of thousands, just judging from the fact that 2.5 million of the 3 million beneficiaries are practically without any support service at all.

This is the major reason why, during our time at the DAR, we enjoined the field managers to reach out and endeavor to provide even a minimum package of support services to the beneficiaries who are not in the ARCs. This meant organizing them into cooperatives, providing them with livelihood training and giving them access to micro-credit. However, we knew even then that this was easier said than done, because even such a minimum package of services required resources that we did not have enough of.

This mismatch for support services and the targets for land acquisition and distribution was, in fact, what Sen. John Osmeña (who is known in agrarian reform circles as an "enemy" of the CARP because of his annual assault on the CARP budget) used to justify the cuts he wanted to make on the budget for land acquisition and distribution. He said that instead of distributing more lands, the DAR should pause for a while and allow the support services to catch up with land distribution.

This option is, of course, unacceptable to most advocates of agrarian reform, and to the farmers and farmworkers who have yet to receive their own lands. However, the reality remains that for as long as there is a mismatch between the resources for support services and the targets for land acquisition and distribution, tens of thousands of agrarian reform beneficiaries will not be able to avail themselves of the necessary support services with which to make their lands productive.

The ideal situation, of course, is one where there is enough money to provide support services to all, or at least to the majority of, agrarian reform beneficiaries. However, at the estimated investment of P40 million per ARC (the DAR's estimate), the DAR would need P80 billion to support the targeted 2,000 ARCs (by 2004). And at an average coverage of 400 to 600 beneficiaries per ARC (per year 2000 estimates), 2,000 ARCs will only cover 800,000 to 1.2 million beneficiaries, still less than half of the total.

Therefore, the next time the President feels like "dressing down" her agrarian reform secretary for setting targets for land acquisition and distribution that are "too low," we suggest that she consider this dilemma and decide whether she wants to go down in history as the President who has distributed the most number of hectares of land, or the President who has assured all agrarian-reform beneficiaries, or at least most of them, that every hectare of land they receive will be accompanied by the necessary support services that will ensure that those lands become productive and, therefore, truly a treasure to keep and hand down to future generations.

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THEY SAID

One Moro people

"We should leave behind the differences that set us apart and, together as one, let us move forward and secure for ourselves the bounties of freedom which have been denied the Moro people for so long."

—Moro Islamic Liberation Front vice chair Murad Ibrahim on his group's agreement to unite with the Moro National Liberation Front

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THE POST-SSS SCENARIO:

Has 'people power' gone too far?

THE PROTEST action by SSS employees did not only succeed in removing the agency's chief executive; it also succeeded in pushing the genie of people power back to center stage. Who determines when it should be called out of the lamp?

It is fair to say that the issue is a complicated one. The opinion pages of the INQUIRER have been filled with nuanced arguments for all sides. But it seems every argument is reduced to that central image of the genie in the lamp. Was the SSS protest against Vitaliano Nañagas II an appropriate use of people power?

Yes, says the guru of civil society. No, two union heads reply; we just got started

A pyrrhic victory for civil society

BY NICANOR PERLAS
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RECENTLY, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, responding to mass protests, sacked Vitaliano Nañagas II as president of the Social Security System. Her decision has raised the question whether "people power" has gone too far, turning itself from a blessing into a curse by interfering with the normal functions of the state.

The SSS controversy carries important lessons both for government and civil society. Ignoring these lessons will erode both government legitimacy and civil society's influence in national affairs. To appreciate this, we need to understand the nature and role of civil society.

Third power

In the late 20th century, civil society emerged as the third power in social life. It joins the State and the Market as the key shapers of societal development. In its revolutionary form, civil society expresses itself as "people power," reclaiming democratic space eroded by totalitarian political regimes like those of Marcos and Estrada. Globally, it withstands the totalitarian tendencies in the global economy. Witness the defeat of the secret Multilateral Agreement on Investments and the WTO agenda in the Battle of Seattle.

Civil society is not only a countervailing force, defending cultural space (identity, meaning, conscience, values—human rights, among others) against totalitarian tendencies in the state and the market. It also brings new knowledge of the world, develops new values and norms, advances new development approaches, and articulates new identities for people dissatisfied with the greed, lust, materialism and violence of modern life. Because civil society is a cultural force shaping the behavior of people, it can withhold legitimacy from corrupt governments and reduce market demand thru boycotts.

In short, civil society is essential for the vitality of cultural-social life, the functioning of true democracy, and the existence of a dynamic, equitable, and sustainable market.

The question is: Can civil society perform its role in a responsible manner, and can government (and business) be astute enough to recognize the essential role of civil society and critically engage it for the good? The SSS controversy illustrates the fallout when this question is answered improperly.

Lessons from the SSS

Civil society had a valid concern regarding the intentions of government to privatize SSS and other government agencies. This is a burning issue that government will need to responsibly address. However, the tactical alliance of civil society with SSS leaders and employees, who may be guilty of corruption, is highly questionable. This alliance blurs the substantive issues of both corruption and privatization, and in this instance, has delayed an effort to clean up SSS.

The SSS victory is a pyrrhic victory for civil society. Its tactics cannot be tainted with questionable alliances that undermine the equally important task of removing government corruption. The end does not justify the means. Violence, for example, can only mean developing a greater capacity for violence, not for inaugurating a more humane and peaceful world, hence the failure of bloody revolutions.

Government had valid concerns about corruption infesting SSS, especially visible in the behest investments for Estrada. However, it underestimated the deep concerns about SSS privatization and failed to institutionalize a threefold consultative process to ensure that the views of business, civil society, and government about corruption and privatization were heard and addressed equitably.

Government also should not have bowed to the pressure of striking SSS employees supported by civil society to sack an executive known for his honesty and determination to fight corruption.

Great peril

Civil society is a societal force that can only be ignored at great peril to the legitimacy and stability of government itself. Civil society is here to stay, a force to be reckoned with. It is essential to any society, as are a state and a market. Instead of ignoring it, government (and business) must develop the capacity to critically engage civil society for the benefit of the country.

Government must institutionalize threefolding processes at all levels of governance to mobilize society as a whole to solve burning problems. Civil society, in turn, must develop the capacity to remain true to its task and not fall into a kind of adventurism that destroys its soul.

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'No, we were not a mob'

BY DR. CAROL M. BASILIO
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JUST after the SSS "people power" campaign that Access spearheaded culminated in the presidential action finally replacing Vitaliano Nañagas II, a barrage of negative reactions, at the level of an editorial campaign, came the way of the protesters.

Though Nañagas was replaced, there remains the formidable task of patching up frayed nerves and disposing of the workload. But one thing is definite at this point. SSS is back to normal operations nationwide.

The protest action was indeed a traumatic experience, but in the process lessons were learned. The crisis could have been prevented had Nañagas only maintained a sincere posture of communicating with the union. Apparently, Nañagas had simply ignored and outrightly disregarded the capacity and capability of the union to stage a people's initiative. Nañagas was unable or just plain forgot to build a working relationship with the rank and file, something we believe is an essential element in the management of any organization.

We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for her response and attention to our appeal. The least we can say at the moment is that a peaceful and euphoric atmosphere has now finally pervaded the SSS community. For now, we remain hopeful that normalcy in SSS operations will reign forever, for the sake of SSS members and other stakeholders. To further strengthen institutional stability, the union leadership is more than willing to face the consequences of its actions and assumes the sole responsibility to bear the charges that may be imposed. We would, however, appeal for leniency from the proper authorities, as we have always believed that our collective action was justified, given the issues.

Access has always been supportive of efforts and initiatives to sustain growth and improvement in the SSS. In fact, the union has invited organizations and support groups to include the GSIS in an initiative to establish a center for continuing reforms of SSS programs. The union will neither forsake nor forgo the idea of quality service for the members, for we know that they deserve the best from us. Furthermore, the union commits to assist the System in promoting cooperation and discipline, to attain harmony, efficiency, quality service and productivity. It enjoins all its members to render and perform their duties and responsibilities.

In this light, we vehemently object to what other quarters, particularly those in media, have tried to picture to the public, that the SSS mass action was "mob rule." The SSS People Power, or the SSS Employees Mass Action, or whatever label or name it is given, was definitely peaceful, at most times spontaneous and quite clearly a collective action to seek redress of and resolution to grievances and valid issues—redress and resolution that we believe we are also entitled to, as citizens of this beloved country.

The future of militant unionism

BY FERDINAND GAITE
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WHEN Courage, as a militant, progressive and nationalist umbrella organization of public sector unions, declared that the "SSS formula" ought to be repeated, it was in recognition of a positive development in public sector unionism. Those who took part in Edsa I and II and benefited from those victories must think twice about challenging this right, much less threaten sanctions.

The "SSS formula" is not a new invention. It is "militant unionism in SSS," and a highlight in the saga of confrontation between the powerless majority and the few who steer the wheels of power. As an important experience, its force and spirit of inspiration come from the following elements: protection of the interest of civil servants and the people; principled unity, collective and militant action; and organized, disciplined unionism.

The SSS protest was triggered by a "Nañagas memorandum" to privatize the investment and information technology functions. Though partial, the threat to the jobs of 5,000 SSS employees and the transfer of P180 billion of the workers fund to the greed of profiteers became real. The conflict was not about the "management style" of Nañagas, as others insist, but about views on reform. There was a basic disagreement about privatization and a misunderstanding about the question of corruption. The SSS protest was a new statement against privatization!

In fact, the heightened protests in SSS coincided with the ongoing debate on the partial privatization of Social Security in the US and other countries. The surrender of workers' pension funds worldwide is among the hot issues against globalization. Globalization has turned out to be the cause of worsening worldwide poverty. As imperialist machination, it is driving small countries like the Philippines into turbulent times.

Corruption is non-negotiable, how much more the plunder of SSS funds and public funds in general. It was best that Nanagas took bold steps against SSS executives who allegedly took part in questionable investments at Estrada's instance. That could have been a response to the longstanding clamor of SSS members and us too, as Government Service Insurance System members, to investigate the behest loans and alleged plunder. But for Nañagas to use the issue for witch-hunting and altogether accuse the SSS rank and file as corrupt is unforgivable.

The SSS protest was an organized and disciplined campaign. It started from noon break pickets until it snowballed into nationwide actions. And upon victory, SSS employees immediately returned to work and rendered overtime work. The disruption of services is a reality in any protest; it cannot be equated with "mob rule." The real mob consists of those who rule to perpetuate the violence of poverty.

Thus, an advance in militant unionism is a lesson from people power. Militance among civil servants will grow for as long as there are privatization, lay-off and anti-people policies. Government employees will certainly learn from these lessons; the Arroyo administration and the detractors of the SSS protest should rethink their position.

Talking points

WHAT makes a mob? Both Dr. Basilio and Mr. Gaite define it as an unruly crowd. That is, their arguments assume that following the rules is the difference between an assembly and a mob.

From their statements, "following the rules" can be understood on three levels.

The bedrock bottom is discipline, and on this point there is very little scope for arguing: the protesting SSS employees were, in fact, highly disciplined. Gaite's argument (much reduced, for lack of space) includes a vivid summary of the protest action. "It started from noon break pickets until it snowballed into nationwide actions. And upon victory, SSS employees immediately returned to work and rendered overtime work."

The middle level is organization. The protesters were not merely peaceful, the two union heads say; they followed a chain of command. It was "quite clearly a collective action," Basilio argues.

The top domain is a sense of purpose. The "organized, disciplined unionism" that Gaite says was on clear display was driven by "grievances and valid issues" (Basilio), including the "protection of the interest of civil servants and the people" (Gaite), that in the right light the proper authorities ought to consider "justified" (Basilio).

Okay. So far, so good. But Mr. Perlas' apprehensions about the transformation of people power from blessing to curse does not proceed from the crowd-turned-into-a-mob argument. The "tactical alliance of civil society with SSS leaders and employees, who may be guilty of corruption, is highly questionable. This alliance blurs the substantive issues of both corruption and privatization, and in this instance, has delayed an effort to clean up SSS."

In other words, it may have truly been people power, but it was misused. The pyrrhic victory that Perlas refers to underscores his fear that, once trivialized, people power — the "revolutionary form" of civil society, in his original formulation – will not only erode government legitimacy; it will also weaken "civil society's influence in national affairs."

"One more such victory," King Pyrrhus was supposed to have said, "and I'm lost."—*J. Nery*

The WORLD

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US, British planes attack Iraq

WASHINGTON—US and British warplanes attacked Iraqi air defense installations, including a fiber-optic communications node, in southern Iraq Friday in the biggest air strike since a raid in February around Baghdad, Pentagon officials said.

In Baghdad, an Iraqi military spokesperson said one person was killed and 11 others injured.

About 50 aircraft, led by nearly 20 strike aircraft, launched the attack from the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise and air bases in the Gulf in response to recent attacks on coalition aircraft patrolling a no-fly zone over southern Iraq, the Pentagon officials said.

All coalition aircraft returned safely to their bases, they said.

A fiber-optic communications node, a surface-to-air missile site, and a long-range early warning radar were targeted in the raid, said Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesperson.

"All three targets contributed to the effectiveness of Iraq's integrated air defense system," Whitman said.

"We took this action in response to increased provocation in the no-fly zones," he said.

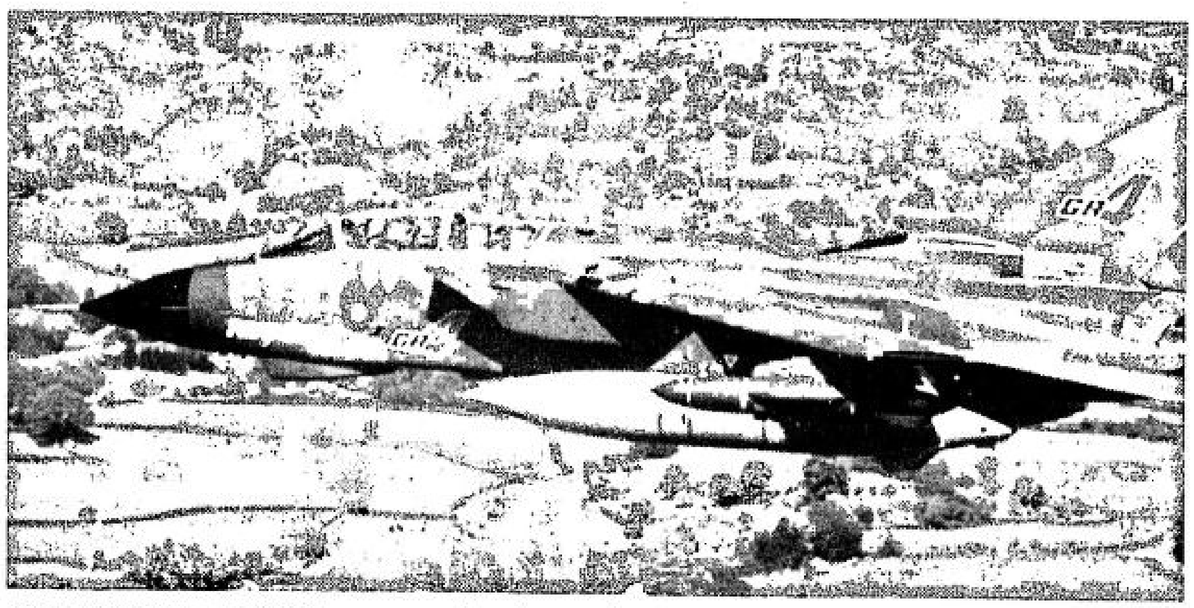
"We've continued to see increased efforts by Iraq to shoot down coalition aircraft," he said. "As we've always said, we will strike at the time, and at the place and in the manner of our choosing."

Iraq's Foreign Minister Naji Sabri appealed to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to intervene to stop "the continued aggressions against an independent and sovereign state."

It was the biggest coalition air attack since the Feb. 16 raid that struck communications nodes and early warning radars around Baghdad in an effort disrupt a fiber-optic linked network being built with the help of the Chinese.

US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld acknowledged last week that Iraq has "quantitatively and qualitatively improved" its air defenses since then, reinstalling the fiber optic links to improve the accuracy of its ground fire on US and British aircraft in the south.

The fiber-optic links enable high-volume, high speed transmission of data from early warning radars to the command posts that fire surface-to-air missiles at coalition aircraft.



FOUR British Tornado GR4 jets, one seen above in an undated photo, took part in a 50-plane air strike in southern Iraq Aug. 10.
REUTERS

In recent weeks, Iraq has attempted to shoot down a high-flying U-2 spy plane over southern Iraq and was reported to have fired a surface-to-air missile into Kuwaiti airspace at a US Navy E-2 radar surveillance plane.

Army General Tommy Franks, the commander of the US Central Command, initiated Friday's raid and notified his chain of command, said a Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Franks has the authority to carry out raids in the no-fly zones that he deems necessary to protect his pilots. Some strikes, including those around Baghdad, require White House approval.

Pentagon officials said initial assessment was that the aircraft hit their targets.

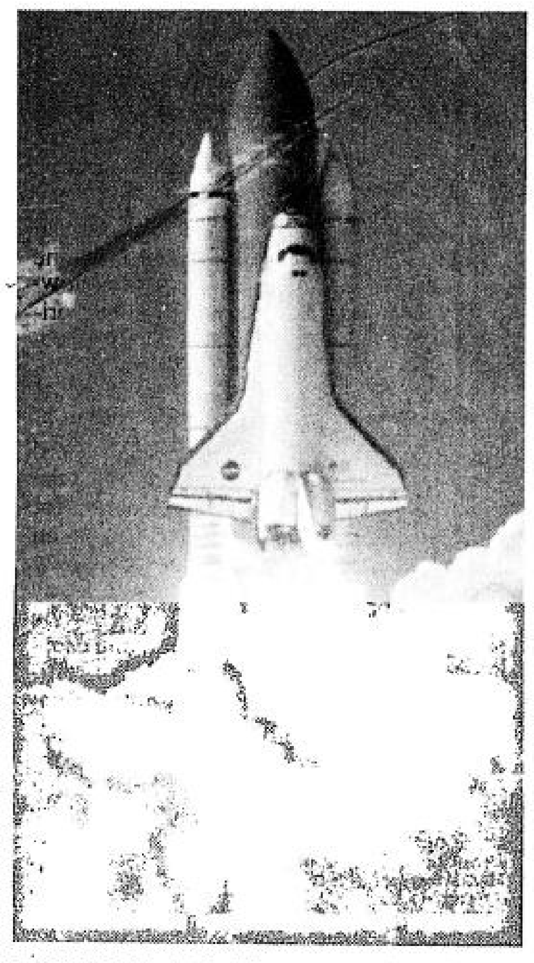
The fiber-optic communications node was located near An Numaniyah, a town on the Euphrates river in the northern part of the southern no-fly zone, Whitman said.

The surface-to-air missile site and the long-range radar were at separate locations in the vicinity of An Nasariyah, further south, he said.

US Navy F/A-18s and F-14s, Air Force F-16s and British GR-4s were used in the attack, a Pentagon official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Besides strike aircraft, the raid involved other fighter aircraft whose mission was to put a cap over Iraqi air defenses, electronic jamming aircraft, tanker planes for in-flight refueling, radar surveillance planes, and reconnaissance aircraft, the official said.

"It was a little more than a plink but not big," the official said. It was, however, the first strike in the south since July 17 and appeared to signal renewed US determination to vigorously enforce the no-fly zones. *AFP*



THE SPACE shuttle Discovery rockets skyward from the Kennedy Space Center Aug. 10. REUTERS

Discovery lifts off with relief crew, equipment

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida—The space shuttle Discovery blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center Friday, carrying a replacement crew and more equipment to the International Space Station.

Discovery soared into the Florida sky at 5 p.m.

Piloted by commander Scott Horowitz, Discovery will bring to the station a three-member crew to relieve Yury Usachev, Susan Helms and Jim Voss, who have been in orbit for 154 days.

The new ISS crew is being led by American Frank Culbertson, 52, a retired Navy captain and former test pilot making his third flight into space.

It also includes two Russians: Vladimir Dezhurov, 39, a Russian Air Force pilot who led a 115-day mission aboard the now defunct space station Mir in 1995, and Mikhail Tyurin, on his first space mission, who will serve as a researcher and flight engineer.

Discovery is also carrying the Leonardo Multi-Purpose Logistics Module, a reusable cargo module that contains supplies and equipment for the station.

The shuttle is scheduled to dock with the space station on Sunday.

"We are on our way to building and maintaining a world-class science research laboratory in low-Earth orbit," said John Uri, a scientist with Nasa's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

The mission comes at a crucial time for the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which is hoping to convince Washington to abandon its four-year, billion-dollar cut in the budget for the US space lab Destiny.

The lull in construction on the station—outfitted in July with the US-made Quest airlock, which serves as its front door—will give the new crew ample time to devote to the 40-odd US and Russian experiments carried in the Leonardo module, until they leave in December.

"There won't be many shuttle flights during that period. It's going to be a different kind of thing in that respect," said Bill Gerstenmaier, the deputy manager of the station program.

In one experiment to measure the effects of space exposure on objects, four containers will be attached to the station's exterior. An attempt will also be made to grow ovarian cancer cells in zero gravity.

Research will be conducted to examine the effect of space travel on muscular density, kidney function, bone density and cardiac and pulmonary activity to better understand how certain illnesses affect the organs in Earth-bound patients.

During their 12-day mission, shuttle astronauts Daniel Barry and Patrick Forrester will perform two space walks, one to supply coolant to the station and to install the experiment containers, and the second to install cables for a planned extension of the Destiny Laboratory. *AFP*

US condemns Israel seizure of PLO office

WASHINGTON—The United States Friday condemned Israel's seizure of the unofficial PLO headquarters in Jerusalem and a West Bank raid as a "serious political escalation" of the conflict with the Palestinians.

Urging both sides to refrain from "incitement and provocation," the State Department singled out Israel's revenge tactics after a suicide bombing in Jerusalem Thursday killed 15 people and the militant Palestinian bomber.

"We, are concerned about the Israeli actions against Orient House and the Palestinian town of Abu Dis," said State Department spokesperson Richard Boucher.

"These actions represent a serious political escalation, undermine faith and confidence in a negotiated settlement of this conflict and increase the risk of further deterioration of the political situation.

"Orient House has long symbolized the importance of political dialogue and reconciliation between Israelis and the Palestinians," Boucher said.

"It is vital that both parties remain committed to these objectives and avoid actions which threaten fundamental belief in a negotiated settlement.

"We finally urge the Israelis and the Palestinian authority to move quickly to implement Tenet and Mitchell and move toward a resumption of negotiations."

The reference was to the Mitchell plan, a US-backed roadmap out of crisis and the ceasefire negotiated in June by CIA chief George Tenet.

Later Friday, a senior State Department official said that Secretary of State Colin Powell had spoken Friday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, to state US criticism to the occupation of Orient House and the raid on Abu Dis.

It was the second telephone call between Powell and Sharon in two days.

Israeli forces took over the Palestinian Liberation Organization's unofficial east Jerusalem headquarters, Orient House, replacing the Palestinian flag with the Israeli flag Friday. *AFP*

Bush to back affirmative action in court

WASHINGTON—Disappointing conservatives who wanted the government to switch sides, the Bush administration prepared to file a US Supreme Court brief on Friday defending a federal affirmative action program, Justice Department officials said.

They said the Republican administration would support the Transportation Department's highway construction program that favors minority and disadvantaged businesses, maintaining the position the previous Democratic administration adopted a day before President Bill Clinton left office.

The closely watched case marked the first test of affirmative action during George W. Bush's presidency, and drew sharp criticism from opponents of racial preferences.

Linda Chavez, president of the Center for Equal Opportunity, said, "I think this is not only horrendous policy, I think it is bad politics."

Chavez, who was named by Bush to be labor secretary but withdrew after a furor erupted over a domestic worker living in her home, said federal contracting would have been an easy case for the administration to draw the line against racial preferences.

"To cave in so early bodes poorly for the administration taking a stand later on," she said. "I think the motivation behind this decision was political."

Conservatives opposed to affirmative action had hoped the Bush White House would change the government's position on the issue, based on the president's stand during the campaign and prior statements by top administration officials.

During the campaign, Bush opposed affirmative action programs that used racial quotas, but generally supported greater opportunity for minorities, calling it "affirmative access."

Theodore Olson, the Justice Department's solicitor general and chief advocate before the high court, has previously been critical of affirmative action programs.

As a senator from Missouri, Attorney General John Ashcroft opposed the contracting program. *Reuters*

Koizumi will not undertake controversial war shrine visit

TOKYO—Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi will not visit a controversial war shrine dedicated to Japanese war dead including convicted war criminals, a report said yesterday.

"The premier will not visit the shrine," said Tetsuzo Fuyushiba, secretary general of the Buddhist-backed New Komeito Party, one of the three parties comprising the Koizumi cabinet, according to the Kyodo News agency.

On Friday, Fuyushiba joined leaders of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and the Conservative Party for a two-hour meeting with Koizumi to urge the popular prime minister not to visit the Yasukuni shrine in central Tokyo on Aug. 15, the anniversary of Japan's World War II surrender in 1945.

Koizumi had vowed to defy opposition and visit the shrine, which honors Japanese war dead including Gen. Hideki Tojo and other war-time leaders, who were convicted as war criminals and hanged by the Allies.

Asian countries including China and South Korea have denounced the proposed visit, which they argue would justify Japan's militarist past.

Fuyushiba, speaking on a radio program, said if Koizumi visited the shrine next Wednesday, it would create a serious matter, Kyodo said.

He added, however, that his party would not leave Koizumi's coalition government over the issue.

"If we leave the government, Japanese politics will fall into great confusion. We'd better not be emotional," Fuyushiba said.

Meanwhile, a group of South Koreans yesterday visited the Yasukuni shrine to demand it remove the names of Koreans who had been forced to serve in the Japanese Imperial Army during World War II.

"Enshrining the souls of our ancestors together with Japanese war criminals grossly desecrates the honors of our parents and brothers," said a statement issued by the Association of Bereaved Families of Military Personnel and Civilian Employees of the Japanese Military.

"The Yasukuni shrine must remove the names of Koreans from Japanese war dead and bring back their souls to South Korean families," it said.

During Japan's brutal colonial rule of Korea between 1910 and 1945, the Japanese military government forced Koreans to serve in the Army.

There are 21,118 Koreans among 2.5 million Japanese war dead honored at the Yasukuni shrine. *AFP*

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Report out on China's bid to buy US polls

WASHINGTON—China had a plan to funnel money to help congressional candidates deemed favorable to Chinese interests during the 1996 elections, but did not try to directly influence individual lawmakers, the Senate Intelligence Committee concluded.

A report detailing the activities of the committee during the last Congress says US intelligence confirmed China's efforts to influence the 1996 elections. Most committee actions take place in closed hearings.

"While the primary focus of the (Chinese) plan was the US Congress, the committee discovered no direct evidence or information of an actual attempt to influence a particular member of Congress," the report says.

China hatched the plan to influence Congress after the United States granted then-Taiwanese President Lee Tung-hui a visa to enter the country, the report says. China, which considers Taiwan a rebel province, opposes visits by Taiwanese senior leaders to the United States.

China has denied attempting to influence US elections.

In 1998, some congressional Republicans, most notably then-Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, claimed to have evidence of direct Chinese financing of 1996 Democratic campaigns. This came during a Senate investigation into the Clinton administration's decision to let two US aerospace companies, Loral Space & Communications and Hughes Electronics Corp., export satellites to be launched atop Chinese rockets.

According to the committee report, dated Aug. 3, "there is no intelligence information indicating that contributions had any influence on US policy or the US political process or that any recipients knew the contributions were from a foreign source."

Later that year, a court put Democratic fund-raiser Johnny Chung on probation after he pleaded guilty to some charges related to the 1996 campaign-finance scandal. In cooperating with investigators, Chung acknowledged receiving $300,000 from Chinese intelligence officials to influence the campaign. The FBI traced only $20,000 of that to the Democratic National Committee, saying it appears Chung spent most of the rest on himself.

The Intelligence Committee report does not say how much money China allegedly spent to influence the election, nor which candidates it sought to help. *AP*

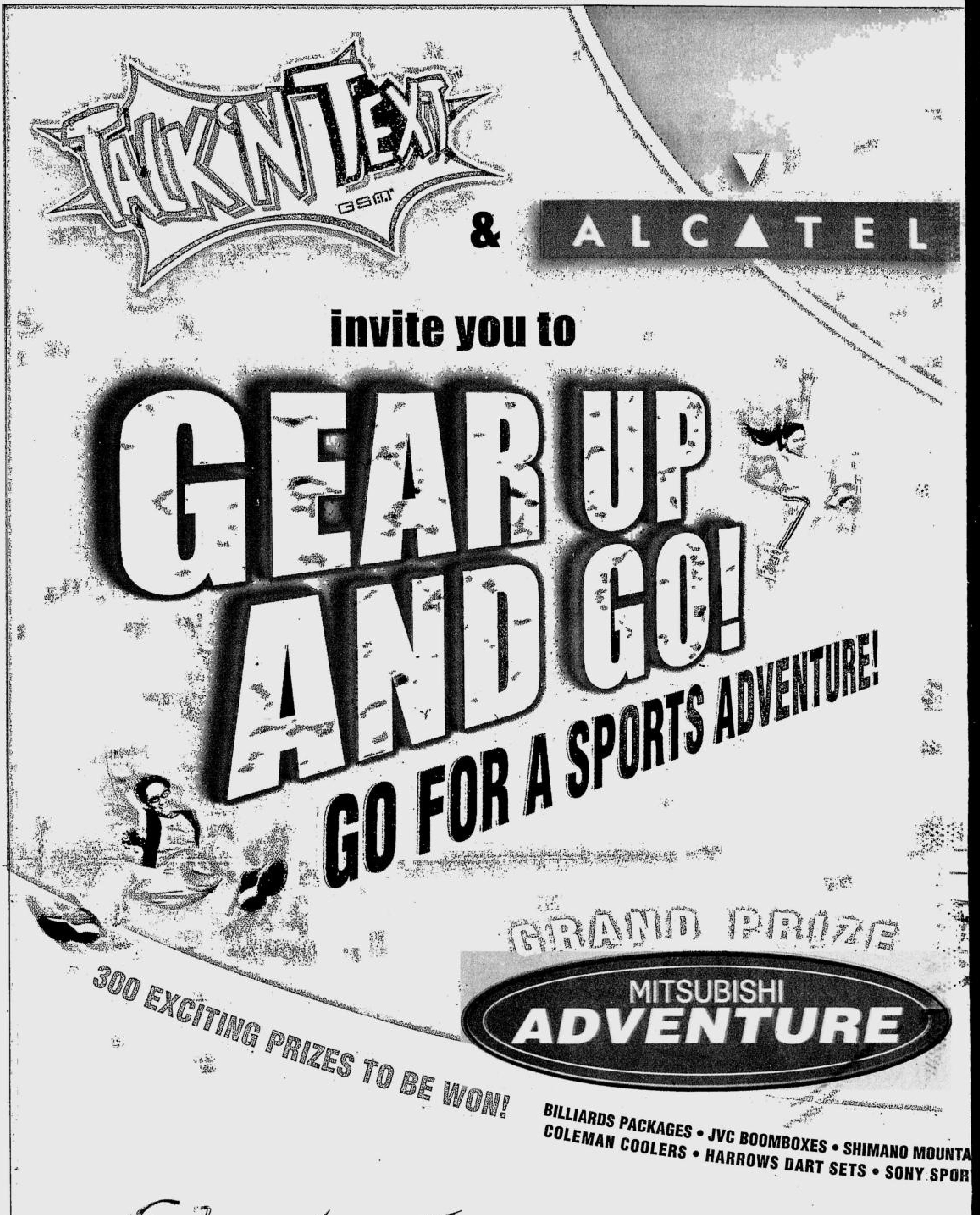
Quake hits California

SAN FRANCISCO—An earthquake measuring 5.5 hits northern California Friday afternoon, with no reports of injuries or damage, officials said.

The quake, which hit at 1:19 p.m., was centered 14.5 km west of Portola, California, and about 100 km east of the town of Chico in Plumas County.

The quake was "moderate," with a depth of some 14.5 km, but was felt as far away as San Francisco and Reno and Carson City, Nevada, said geophysicist John Bellini of the National Earthquake Center in Golden, Colorado.

Callers to KCBS radio in San Francisco said the temblor caused shaking and gentle rumbles. *AFP*



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8th Prizes	Ten (10) NIKE Uniballer Bags with Leather Basketball
9th Prizes	Five (5) HARROWS Dart Sets
10th Prizes :	Fifty (50) SONY Sports Radios
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4th Prizes :	Three (3) COLEMAN Coolers
5th Prizes	Ten (10) NIKE Triax Junior Watches
6th Prizes	Ten (10) NIKE Interchangeable Eyewear
7th Prizes :	Ten (10) NIKE Duffel Bags
8th Prizes :	Five (5) HARROWS Dart Sets
9th Prizes :	Twenty-five (25) SONY Sports Radios
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5th Prizes	Ten (10) NIKE Triax Junior Watches
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Colonel delivered to UN tribunal

THE HAGUE—A Bosnian Serb colonel who led a brigade during the 1995 Srebrenica massacres in Bosnia's bloody war was handed over to UN prosecutors here Friday to face trial for war crimes, court officials said.

Col. Vidoje Blagojevic was earlier arrested under a sealed indictment by troops from the Nato-led Stabilization Force (SFOR) as he drove to a meeting in Banja Luka, Bosnia, local police chief Milorad Jacimovic said.

The 51-year-old Blagojevic, who commanded an engineering unit of the Drina Corps, which led the assault on Srebrenica, was transferred to the northern Bosnian town of Tuzla before arriving in The Hague, the UN court said.

Up to 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men are believed to have been summarily executed by Serb forces following the fall of the UN-protected "safe haven" of Srebrenica in July 1995, in the worst atrocity of the 1992-1995 Bosnian war.

The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) on Thursday sentenced another Bosnian Serb, Gen. Radislav Krstic, to 46 years for his role in the Srebrenica massacre—the first episode in Yugoslavia's bloody breakup to be ruled as genocide.

Blagojevic was in the same Drina Corps as Krstic and will face trial for "murders, extermination, persecutions on political, racial or religious grounds, deportation, inhumane treatments," connected with the same massacres, ICTY spokesperson Jim Landale said.

The latest move follows the detention of three high-ranking Bosnian Muslim commanders, the genocide conviction of Krstic and the transfer in June of former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic to face trial for atrocities committed in Kosovo.

It has also fueled speculation that Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, may soon find themselves in the dock.

The defense ministry official said Blagojevic was arrested at 10:40 a.m. in the main city of Republika Srpska, Banja Luka, which is under British command.

SFOR confirmed the arrest operation, saying that peacekeepers "detained an individual identified as Vidoje Blagojevic who is charged for genocide, crimes against humanity and violations of the law and customs of the war." ***AFP***

300 drunk Russians drown

MOSCOW—Three hundred drunken Russians have drowned in the Moscow region since June, three times more than in previous summers, Interfax news agency quoting the city ambulance service as saying yesterday.

Four people had drowned in the past 24 hours alone, it said.

With temperatures soaring in excess of 30 degrees Celsius in recent weeks, Muscovites have been flocking to nearby lakes and rivers to cool off, with often tragic results.

During July, which was particularly hot this year, 229 people drowned, against 57 in June.

The fatal combination of intense heat and alcohol abuse, usually involving vodka, was responsible for most of the deaths. Most victims were middle-aged men.

President Vladimir Putin has expressed concern at the situation and urged local authorities to improve safety standards in bathing areas. ***AFP***

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly loudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy with Rains	Hi 32° Lo 24°
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Tuguegarao	Partly Cloudy	Hi 34° Lo 22°
Laoag	Partly Cloudy	Hi 33° Lo 25°
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	Hi 32° Lo 23°
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 22°
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 26°
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 24°
Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 25°
Roxas	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 30° Lo 25°
Cebu	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 24°
Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 25°
Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 23°
Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 31° Lo 23°
Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 23°
Davao	Cloudy with Rains	Hi 29° Lo 24°

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ROUNDUP

Houses for sympathizers

DIGOS CITY—Former sympathizers of the New People's Army in Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur, will have their own houses under the Habitat for Humanity's "blitz build." Ben Caspe, Habitat president for Davao del Sur, said 47 houses would be built in Sitio Padada, Barangay Coronon in Sta. Cruz town during the five-day build that kicked-off on Monday. Caspe said at least 10 houses would be completed during the build blitz.

Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau

MILF member gives up

DIGOS CITY—A member of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front operating in the province surrendered to the military on Monday. Jimmy Gambin, who allegedly operated under the Front's 3rd Brigade, also surrendered a Garand rifle, according to Capt. Lyndon Paniza, executive officer of the 25th IB based in Tuban, Sta. Cruz. Paniza said Gambin is undergoing tactical interrogation.

Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Councilor walks out

COTABATO CITY—Councilor Madatu "Dick" Datumanong, the No. 1 councilor in last May's polls here, who believed he was the acting vice mayor, walked out of the provincial council session hall Tuesday after another councilor was named to preside over the session. On Tuesday, Datumanong, who was holding office elsewhere because majority floor leader Linda Ampatuan was occupying the office of Vice Mayor Japal Guiani, reported to the city legislative building and told Ampatuan he will preside over the session. But Ampatuan refused to vacate her post, so he left and vowed not to recognize the resolutions or ordinances that will be passed during the session.

Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

P2.5M for urban agri

BAGUIO CITY—The Department of Agriculture has allotted P2.5 million for an urban agriculture project here. Vice Mayor Betty Lourdes Tabanda said part of the fund would be used to develop parks and gardens in the city where flower and vegetable seedlings would be cultivated. Tabanda said portions of city parks such as Burnham and the Botanical Garden would be used to produce cutflowers, while farm lands in Barangays Sto. Tomas and Happy Hallow would be used for vegetable cultivation.

Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

Pangasinan is FMD-free

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—Veterinary officials in Pangasinan said the Bureau of Animal Industry in the province did not find traces of the foot-and-mouth disease among hogs raised and slaughtered in the province. Benedicto Perez, provincial veterinarian, said the BAI's FMD Task Force conducted tests on hogs raised in commercial and backyard piggeries but it did not find cases of FMD affliction. He assured that his office has been monitoring FMD checkpoints, inspecting pig farms, markets and slaughterhouses to stop the spread of the animal disease.

Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

3 girls drown in quarry

TARLAC CITY—Three girls drowned in a quarry site at Barangay Dalayap here on Monday. Police identified the victims as Maria Imelda Bersona, Stefani Smith and Joysie Ann Guevarra, pupils at the nearby Dalayap Elementary School. The three were believed to be fishing at the quarry site.

Ronaldo Dizon, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Fire guts Mariveles mart

BALANGA CITY—A fire believed caused by faulty electrical wiring gutted the Mariveles public market on Wednesday, police said. No one was reported hurt in the hour-long fire but damage to property was placed at P50 million. Arson investigators said the fire started at the dry goods section of the market.

Greg Refraccion, PDI Central Luzon Desk

Smuggled cellphones seized

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—Security officers of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority seized some P1-million worth of Mitsubishi Trium cellular phones in a foiled attempt to smuggle highly taxable items out of here. SBMA Intelligence and Investigation Office head P/CInsp. Robert Quenery disclosed that SBMA security officers seized five boxes containing 200 units of brand new cellular phones aboard a gray Hyundai Grand Saloon van with plate number UMV-835. He identified the suspects as Rommel Sardina, 25, and Roy Apostol, 29, both residents of Irving St., East Tapinac, Olongapo City.

Nur followers urge boycott of ARMM poll

DAVAO CITY—Some members of the Moro National Liberation Front here are campaigning for the boycott of the Aug. 14 plebiscite on the proposed expansion of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

George Asi, MNLF liaison to ARMM Gov. Nur Misuari, said the campaign started through text messaging.

He said about 5,000 MNLF members are based in Davao City and more are in Davao del Sur.

Asi said they would not go to their hometown to participate in the plebiscite.

The plebiscite violates the peace agreement entered into by the government and the MNLF in 1996, he said. He also raised fears that the holding of the plebiscite might end up in "war" if the government pushed through with it.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, a friend of Misuari's, said he would yet hear the governor's reasons why he wanted the plebiscite stopped.

"I would like to hear Misuari and then plan what we can do to reach a compromise," Duterte told reporters.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said he expected a "respectable" turnout of voters.

He said he had been plugging messages on radio and television 15 times a day to encourage people to participate.

Piñol added that the number of debates about the plebiscite was increasing and people were talking about the issue. In his barangay visits, Piñol said he had always been telling his constituents that "if you do not vote, we will be included in the ARMM."

Piñol said it was an added tier in the bureaucracy to be included in the ARMM.

South Cotabato Gov. Daisy Avance-Fuentes said she was worried about a low turnout of voters because of too little time and the delayed distribution of plebiscite primers.

Fuentes raised concern that the no votes would not be registered because most people might choose to stay home because the prevailing sentiment is not to be included in the ARMM.

"We have to create tension to agitate people to move them. We have to have sufficient time to stimulate debate on disadvantage and advantage of the ARMM inclusion," Fuentes said.

In Zamboanga City, Rep. Celso Lobregat said there was no law giving assurance that the coming plebiscite will be the last of similar exercises.

"I hope there will be a stop," he said of the "redundant" plebiscites.

Lobregat said the government was compelled to push through with the plebiscite to observe the 1996 GRP-MNLF Peace Accord, in which the government agreed to pass a law amending the Organic Act, and to hold a plebiscite on the expansion of the ARMM.

In Puerto Princesa City, Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes said on Friday he has the support of most sectors in rejecting the proposed inclusion of the province into the ARMM.

Reyes said the people had already spoken against the inclusion in previous forums.

"Being a part of ARMM will not help Palawan's economy especially after the kidnapping incident perpetrated by the Abu Sayyaf Group right here in our backyard. Palawan is economically independent," Reyes said.

He said the sentiment of the people should be respected.

Reyes also said Palawan was never part of Mindanao, geographically and culturally.

The provincial council has passed a resolution opposing Palawan's inclusion in the expanded autonomous region. *Alan C. Mellejor and Alexander M. Young, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and Jofelle P. Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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TIME CAPSULE

President Macapagal-Arroyo leads officials in lowering the time capsule in Thursday's ceremony marking the start of construction of a P1-billion expansion building of the Davao Medical Center.

Public works exec welcomes probe

DIGOS CITY—The public works director of Southern Mindanao said he welcomed the investigation initiated by Secretary Simeon Datumanong on alleged corruption charges involving his office.

Juanito Abergas, DPWH regional director, told the INQUIRER that he wanted the investigation to start because he has nothing to fear.

"The investigation would clear me in the end because I have not done anything wrong," Abergas said.

A group of contractors alleged that Abergas has been involved in a "massive" irregularity in the public works office.

The allegations of the Mindanao Contractors Against Corruption came out in a statement, which was published as advertisement in local dailies in Davao City on Thursday.

The statement was also signed by Bayan Muna and other groups calling themselves Plunderwatch.

Abergas, the contractors alleged, has been systematically diverting millions of pesos intended for infrastructure projects for the purchase of reflectorized pavement markers, bailey panels, guard rails and gabions.

"The suppliers of these products give away as much as 40 percent of the total purchase cost as commissions or 'SOPs,'" the contractors said.

They cited the case of the Manurigao Bridge in Davao Oriental that was supposed to be repaired at a cost of P23 million. Abergas allegedly diverted P16 million to purchase unneeded materials, leaving only P7 million for the actual repair of the bridge.

Abergas denied the allegations, saying the sooner the investigation could start, the better for him to clear his name early.

Datumanong earlier said he would immediately place Abergas under investigation, including other officials allegedly protecting him.

He appealed to those who came out with the allegations to provide him documents to speed up the investigation.

Abergas said he has already consulted his lawyers to study the possibility of filing libel charges against the contractors who, he said, were irresponsible and sour-graping.

But lawyer Abundio Marapao of the contractors' group maintained they have enough evidence against Abergas.

"The evidence is right in the DPWH regional offices. One only needs to scrutinize the purchases and the prevailing market price and any anomaly would easily be established," Marapao said.

On Abergas' remark that his group was just sour-graping, Marapao said they are more interested in ridding the agency of corrupt officials than becoming part of the irregularity by undertaking in projects. *Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Missing American alive, safe

BACOLOD CITY—Retired US Air Force Master Sgt. Kevin Ryan, 43, who was reported missing for three days, is alive and safe.

"I have not been kidnapped, I am safe," Ryan told Bombo Radyo Friday night from an undisclosed place where he said he was staying.

Ryan left his home in Barangay Miranda, Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, on Aug. 7 and disappeared without any explanation.

His Negrense wife, Mary Ann, filed a missing person report with the San Enrique Police Station the following day.

"I just wanted to have a break," Ryan said to explain his disappearance.

Ryan complained of being "closely guarded" by his wife 24 hours a day. "But I love her so much," he added.

"Mary Ann is a very understanding and loving wife, but she needs to let me loose a little bit," he said.

The Ryan couple took up residence in Miranda five months ago, from Olongapo City where they met. They were married early this year.

Ryan told the radio station that he did not want to go home yet because the police were looking for him and he had not done anything wrong.

He said he did not know why his wife had gone to the police when, in the past, he had been away for three to four days. *Carla Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Dengue kills 17, downs 217 in Batangas

By Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

BATANGAS CITY—The provincial government is set to declare the province under a state of calamity in the face of an upsurge of dengue cases that has killed 17 people and afflicted 217 others.

Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Isagani Bolompo said 19 towns, including the cities of Lipa, Tanauan and Batangas, had been seriously affected by dengue fever.

Bolompo said the number of cases was expected to rise when reports from public and private hospitals and health centers arrive in his office.

Most of those who died were from Lipa and Tanauan. The rest were from Bauan, San Pascual, and San Jose towns.

Other towns affected by the disease are Mataas na Kahoy, Mabini, Lemery, Rosario, Ibaan, Balayan, Tuy, Nasugbu, Calaca, Taal, Padre Garcia, Taysan, Lobo, San Juan and Cuenca.

The incidence of dengue fever has alarmed local health officials since January. Late last month, the provincial council proposed to place the whole province under a state of calamity.

The Center for Health Development of the regional Department of Health said the situation has surpassed the 423 dengue cases reported in 1998 and 368 in 1999.

Bolompo requested P10 million from the provincial government to fund the Dengue Prevention and Control Program.

The provincial government has P32 million in reserve funds for calamity assistance.

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Habitat project goes interfaith

By Grace Cantal-Albasin
PDI Mindanao Bureau

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—They are building houses regardless of their religion.

Members of various faiths and national business leaders gathered here as the World Leader's Build entered its fourth day of building houses for the marginalized sector in the country.

Monsignor Elmer Abacahin of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, Couples for Christ's national president Frank Padilla, Rev. Ruben Cediño of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and Datu Carlito Anglao of the tribal group joined hands in building the houses.

Ayala Land Inc. chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala said the Habitat for Humanity offered a great opportunity for them to get involved as corporate citizens, not only through fund mobilization but as volunteers as well.

"Working side by side with partner families and volunteers has given us, as individuals and as a company, a clearer sense of our commitment to social development," he said.

Religious and business leaders also lit a torch, symbolizing unity and cooperation.

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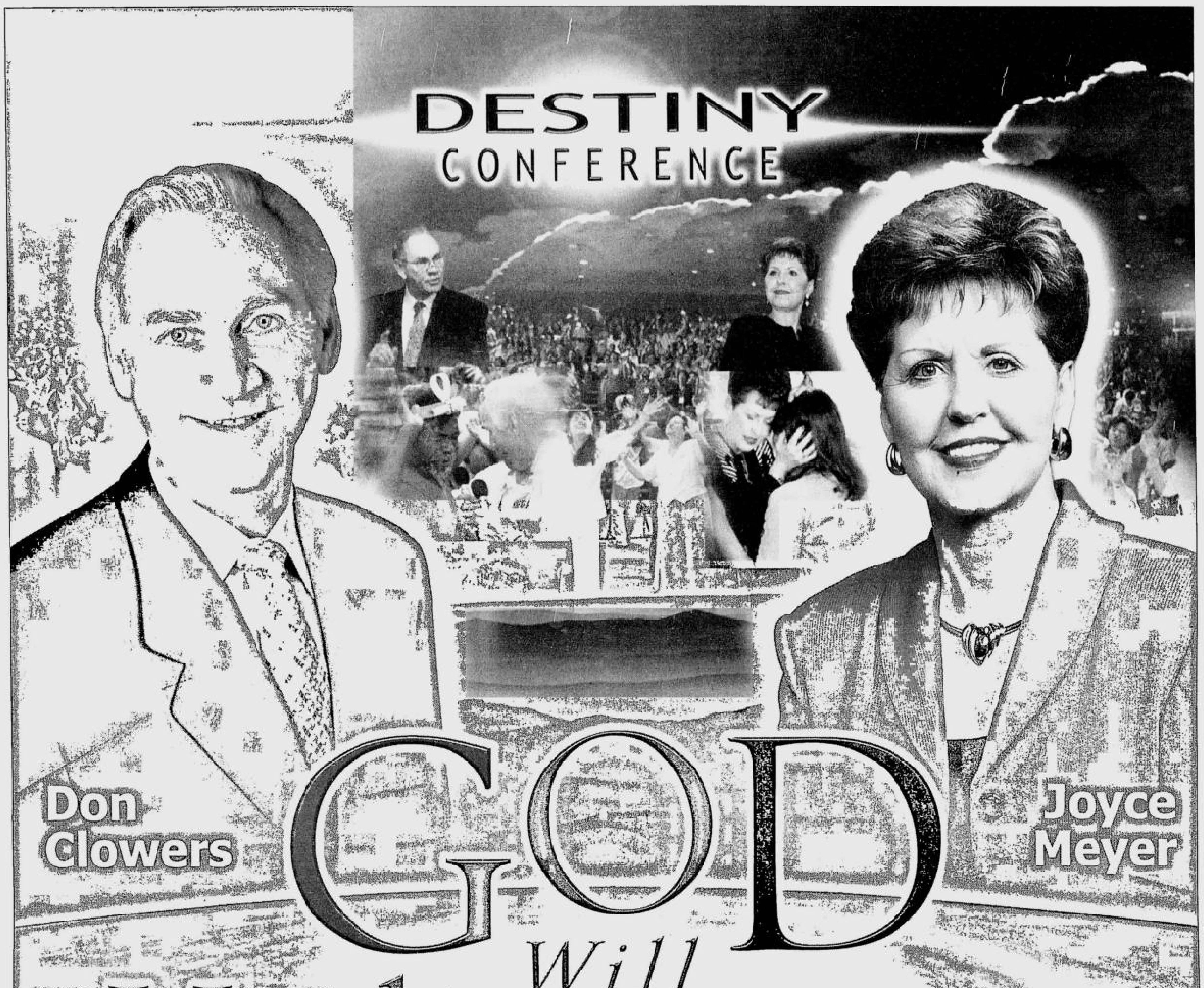

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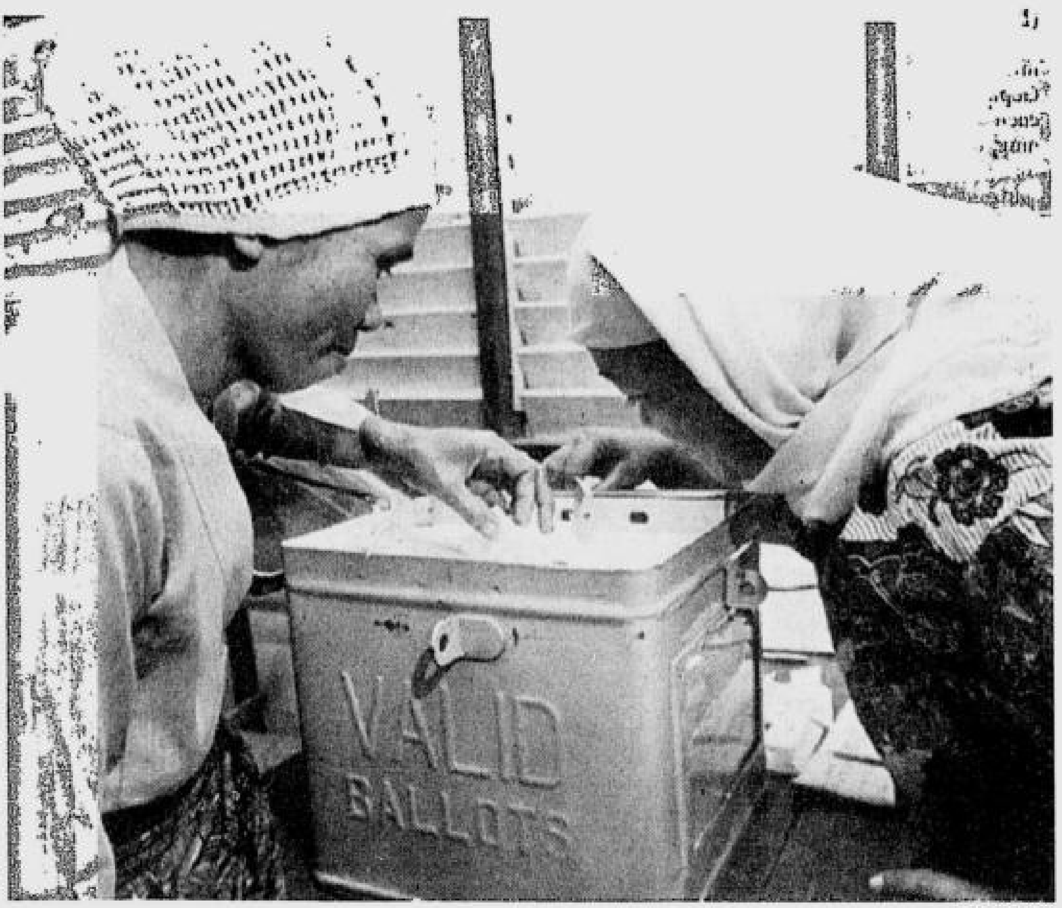
ARMM voting: A mixture of apathy, disdain



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ARMM plebiscite in 1989: Voters will decide again on expanded autonomous region on Aug. 14.

BY NORALYN MUSTAFA
Jolo, Sulu

HARDLY anyone remembers now, whether what happened in 1980, when an "autonomous region" first came into being, was the result of a referendum or a mere Marcos sleight-of-hand.

Under the Aquino administration, where only four out of 13 provinces supposedly chose to be part of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, the exercise was dismissed by many people as "rigged" and as predictable as a "moro-moro."

And now, for the third time in their history, the people in nearly the whole of Mindanao will again be asked to decide through a plebiscite whether they wish to become part of a now "expanded" autonomous region.

All these referendums were part of the government's compliance with the provisions of various agreements it entered into with the Moro National Liberation Front, under different administrations.

On Dec. 23, 1976, the dictatorial regime of Ferdinand Marcos and the MNLF signed a peace pact granting full autonomy to 13 provinces (and their component cities) in Mindanao.

But because of disagreements among Tausug, Maguindanao and Maranao political leaders, the problem had to be resolved with the creation of two autonomous regions, 9 and 12, each with five provinces. Palawan, South Cotabato and Davao del Sur reportedly chose not to be part of the autonomy.

MISUARI

But the MNLF rejected the scheme and reverted to its previous secessionist stand.

Autonomy trail

The 1987 Constitution drafted during the Aquino administration provided for specific steps for the establishment of an autonomous region. This included the holding of a series of "consensus-building" conferences all over the proposed area of autonomy, the convening of a regional consultative commission to help Congress draft the Organic Act creating the autonomous region, and, of course, the holding of a plebiscite.

Again, the MNLF rejected the terms. It refused to participate in the resulting autonomous region that covered only Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi out of the 13 provinces and nine cities, which took part in the plebiscite on Nov. 19, 1989.

Cotabato City in Maguindanao and Marawi City in Lanao del Sur voted "no," but the seat of the resulting regional autonomous government was situated in Cotabato City.

Still another peace agreement, that of Sept. 2, 1996 between the Ramos administration and the MNLF, resulted in the ARMM elections that installed Nur Misuari as ARMM governor.

Misuari was also designated chair of the Southern Philippines Council for Peace and Development (SPCPD) and the Special Zone of Peace and Development (Szopad), which included those provinces that were not part of the ARMM.

Thus, he became the most powerful official in Mindanao.

Expectations, especially in the new region, were also very high that finally, the long-neglected constituents of some of the poorest provinces in the country, devastated as they were by the war between the MNLF and the military in the '70s, will see the dawn of a better life.

Misuari promises

Much of the optimism was due largely to the promises that Misuari himself made during the series of "consultations" he held in several provinces after his unopposed victory in the election.

He promised lasting peace. "Those who will disturb the peace, we will run after them even if they hide in their mothers' wombs!" he told an audience of mostly students at the Ateneo de Zamboanga.

He promised good governance. "Do not apply the positions in the ARMM (if you are not qualified); we will get only the best and the brightest to join the regional government," he said in Sulu.

He promised development. "We will build modern airports and seaports, multi-story hotels, construct six-lane roads and install world-class communications facilities," he told his awe-struck audiences everywhere.

Expensive electrification, export industries, livelihood projects and other dazzling prospects became the stuff of almost all his speeches.

But when reality bit, it became clear that of such stuff, too, were dreams made. For the people of the ARMM, the dreams soon died, replaced by hopelessness and cynicism when salaries were delayed, projects neglected and the red tape of another layer of bureaucratic procedures became oppressive.

Instead of the promised progress, there pervaded a medieval mix of pomp and pageantry, bluff and bluster, amid perceived incompetence and inefficiency, aggravated by talks of lavish lifestyles, squandering of funds and non-accountability.

Lawyer Jose Lorena, now a secretary in the regional government, in a paper read before Sulu professionals, put it aptly:

"The MNLF particularly Chairman Misuari having taken charge of the partnership with the administration, has found out the hard way that running a government bureaucracy can be more difficult than waging a revolution."

The plebiscite scheduled on Aug. 14 is being held in compliance with the peace agreement, also known as the Jakarta Accord, as mandated by Republic Act No. 9054. The law amended the Organic Act (RA 6734) creating the ARMM, which was passed by the previous Congress and signed into law by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

2 questions

It will have two questions: One is for people in the existing ARMM provinces who will be asked the flaccid question of whether or not they agree to the expansion of the autonomous region. The other, to be asked of those outside the ARMM, is whether or not they wish to be part of the expanded region.

It was reported that the MNLF will boycott the plebiscite, even as Misuari announced over radio dxSM Jolo that he had filed with the Supreme Court a temporary restraining order to stop or postpone the holding of the exercise.

Many people, including peace advocate Fr. Eliseo Mercado Jr., president of the Notre Dame University, agree with such efforts, albeit for quite different reasons.

Mercado, who is also chair of Kusog Mindanao and acknowledged authority on Mindanao, its conflicts and peace processes, wants the plebiscite postponed because "the government lacks time to intelligently discuss the issues surrounding RA 9054."

Questionable design

But a significant point in his argument is the patent injustice in the questioning design, which he found faulty and a violation of one's right to choose. Since RA 9054 is a new law, the same question should be asked of all the affected provinces and cities, he stressed.

As Mercado rightly observed, ARMM voters feel that "they are being shortchanged" because the questioning will not allow them to decide whether or not they would still want to remain in the autonomous region. It is as if by voting "yes" in the 1989 plebiscite, they had forever sealed their fate.

Last year, the governments of all four provinces issued a resolution asking that they be included in the plebiscite and allowed to decide whether they wanted to remain in the ARMM.

Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan, responding to persistent complaints especially from government employees, had consistently and relentlessly pushed for such inclusion.

What are the prospects of the coming plebiscite? The pervading attitude is, at best, apathy; at worst, disdain.

For aside from the lack of an information campaign as pointed out by Misuari himself, the question to be decided on is hardly something to be excited about. As many non-ARMM constituents say, who would want to share the fate of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi?

And coming as it does at a most turbulent period in four decades of MNLF struggle for self-determination, when Misuari has been ousted as MNLF chair by its Central Committee and removed as SPCPD chair by the government, amid the ongoing peace settlement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and its reunification with the MNLF, Mercado's fearless forecast might just come true: This plebiscite will go into ignominy.

But the greater tragedy is that it is doubtful that the electorate will mourn its fate.

Goodbye, buddy

BY AQUILES Z. ZONIO
General Santos City

THE NEWS came as a shock. I just couldn't believe it. Jerry P. Malayang, a multitalented man and my fellow correspondent in the INQUIRER, is dying of cancer?

I told Paul Bernaldez, my *compadre* and colleague in the media who broke the news to me, that I didn't want to hear a bad joke.

I asked Paul where Jerry was and he told me that my long-time buddy was in his hometown in Kablon, Tupi, South Cotabato. I was very eager to see him, but I didn't know the place.

I later learned that Jerry would be returning home in Sitio Balunto, Barangay Labangal, General Santos City, on July 15. I was able to get his cellular phone number and, from then on, I kept sending text messages to cheer him up and to ask him not to give up hope.

In one of my text messages, I said I was going to visit him on July 21. However, about mid-afternoon on July 20, Jerry called up, pleading if I could visit him right away.

The visit

His voice husky and croaking, and seemed to be coming from a tomb, Jerry said in Visayan, "Buddy, *anhi diri sa akoa. Dili na ko magdugay. Gusto ta ka nga makit-an ug maka-istorya una ko mamatay* (Buddy, come here. I won't stay long. I want to talk to you before I die.)"

Tears blurred my vision. I could hardly speak, but I had to control myself so as not to add more to my friend's agony.

I tried to console him, "I'll be right there as you wish. Don't worry, buddy, I'm coming."

I contacted his godson, Chris Guarin, program director of GMA Super Radyo in General Santos, and asked him to go with me.

Retired Chief Insp. Suhod Mutalib, who is also a close friend of Jerry's, offered us a ride. He even bought two kilos of assorted fruits as presents for our ailing friend.

When we arrived at his home in Balunto, Jerry was sitting on a rattan chair beside his bed. He could still sit but only for a few minutes. He could stand and walk but only for a few steps.

Despite his miserable condition, Jerry spoke well and with sense. He recounted his struggles and adventures abroad. He was catching his breath after every word, but no trace of pain or regret was visible on his face. It seemed he was still in total control of his faculty.

After more than two hours of talking to him, we left with a heavy heart. We were not certain when his final moment would come. We still wanted to spend more time with him but we knew he badly needed rest.

A few days later, I learned that Jerry was no longer taking solid foods. Only liquids, like juice from fruits and carrots, sustained him.

On Aug. 2, around 8:30 a.m., he slipped into a coma.

His wife had wanted to bring him to the hospital, but he had strongly refused. He had accepted his fate and was ready for death.

B'laan native

Jerry belonged to the B'laan tribe and the eldest in a family of 15 siblings. He was born on Aug. 31, 1956 in Kablon, a rural village at the foothill of scenic Mt. Matutum in Tupi, South Cotabato.

EX-INQUIRER correspondent Jerry P. Malayang.

He graduated valedictorian in 1968 from the Kablon Elementary School and a salutatorian from the Tupi National High School.

He studied Architecture at the Adamson University in Manila. After two years, he quit due to financial problems.

He worked for many years in both private and government agencies, and with his wealth of experiences, he tried his luck abroad.

He had skills in technical and creative writing, audio electronics, photography, advertising, computer programming and graphics designing. He was a lover of books and wisdom. No wonder he was one of the most respected and admired writers in town.

He also had a gift of gab and he was, in fact, considered one of the most articulate local journalists in General Santos.

One of his best articles published in national dailies was his exposé on the Tasaday controversy, supposedly the greatest discovery of the century that turned out to be big hoax.

Before joining the INQUIRER in 1994, he was a stringer of the Evening Post and the now defunct Metro Manila Times, contributor to Focus Philippines and WE Forum, editorial staff member of Etnika Magazine, and correspondent of Malaya and Agence France Presse.

Jerry married Dina Numock and they had five children—Joni Mae (17), Donna Bae (15), Carolyn (13) and twins Mikhael and John (10).

Jerry went abroad in 1998 to look for a proverbial "greener pasture."

"I am earning enough for my family, but I have to work abroad so I can help my aging mother, brothers and sisters. As an eldest child, I have a moral responsibility to help them," he once told me.

In Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, Jerry worked as a graphics designer. He earned extra income from his computer tutorial work.

He was full of optimism that his dreams for his wife and children would finally come true. He wanted all his kids to finish schooling and earn college degrees. But destiny intervened.

First news

Sometime in September last year, Jerry noticed a swelling in the right side of his neck. He was having fever and was losing weight and appetite. He also complained of excessive sweating at night.

He was admitted at the Al Rashid Hospital in Dubai on Oct. 22, 2000. A biopsy of his cervical lymph node revealed Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma T cell type.

Nobody, except his younger sister in Dubai, knew about the disease. Jerry confided to Dina that he had cancer a month later.

"Don't worry, Mama. The doctor said it was still curable. I was subjected to chemotherapy. *Kalbo na nga* ako (I am now bald)," Dina quoted Jerry as saying when he called up sometime in November last year.

He was subjected to chemotherapy for six months. After completing six cycles, a follow-up scan showed a complete disappearance of cancer growth in the chest, as well as a very good response to the treatment in the abdomen.

Dr. Zulfaqqar Jaffar, head of the Oncology Unit at the Dubai hospital, said in his medical report that Jerry was slowly recovering. The patient, he said, needed only two months to fully recover and go back to work.

On April 15, Jerry was again brought to the hospital due to fever and chills. After taking antibiotics, he recovered and was discharged after one week.

On June 10, he was again admitted. This time, it was due to enlarged lymph nodes in the neck. After an examination, Dr. Jaffar concluded that Jerry had a recurrence. He asked Jerry to undergo another six months of chemotherapy, but he refused and decided to go home.

He left Dubai on June 16 and returned to General Santos two days after.

Dina's gift

Before he died, Jerry gave Dina a priceless gift—the sacrament of matrimony. Through his insistence, he and Dina finally walked down the aisle on July 30 after about 18 years of living together.

The wedding was simple. Only their immediate families and closest friends attended. From a wheelchair, Jerry exchanged vows with Dina. His hands trembled, but he managed to sign all the documents that legalized their union.

At home, Dina often heard Jerry praying: "Lord, I have no regrets in life, only a request, if You may allow it. My kids are still young and I have wonderful dreams for them. I pray . . . give me chance to live longer. But if You want to get me, do it now. Don't allow me to suffer long."

Jerry died around 11:45 p.m. on Aug. 3. He would have been 45 on Aug. 31.

3 Basilan hostages free

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military spokesperson Maj. Alberto Gepilano said the three men were rescued late Friday by Task Group Lightning, the second of three military task forces formed to rescue the hostages, AP said.

According to reports reaching Camp Aguinaldo in Manila, the Perillos were rescued by soldiers of the 10th Infantry Battalion around 10:55 p.m. Friday in Barangay Upper Mangas in Lantawan.

The reports said that the soldiers and the bandits were earlier engaged in a fierce firefight but that the bandits, supposedly led by Abu Sayyaf spokesperson Abu Sabaya, withdrew.

One soldier, Cpl. Radji Raini, was reported injured.

Lt. Col. Danilo Servando, spokesperson of the Armed Forces' Southern Command, said the "rescue" of the Perillos showed that "the military is very serious in its mission to rescue the hostages and finish off the bandits."

Servando said the clash also resulted in the death of "many" of the bandits.

He said the government side reported no casualties.

Islam

The Perillos were among the 15 farmer-workers abducted by the Abu Sayyaf from the Golden Harvest Plantation in Barangay Tahiran in Lantawan on June 11.

Of the 15, Crisanto Suelo and Primitivo Falcasantos, were earlier found beheaded.

Vicente Sr. said he and his sons were forced to convert to Islam to avoid being harmed by their captors.

He said he was given the name Abu Mannan; Vicente Jr, Nasser; and Fernando, Abdulassis.

"We now know how to say Muslim prayers," Vicente Jr. said.

In the AP report, Esperon quoted the Perillos as telling soldiers that several times during their two-month captivity, government troops searching for them would come to within 10 meters of them and their captors.

"They were just ordered to lie low and keep quiet," Esperon said.

He said his men were operating within an area of about 4 square kilometers of thick jungle.

"We are pursuing them," he told AP by telephone from Basilan. "We are pouring in additional forces."

There were no sightings of the two American hostages, missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham, who were among a group of 20 seized by the Abu Sayyaf from the Dos Palmas Resort in Palawan on May 27.

The military earlier said that the hostages had been split into three groups, with the two Americans in the hands of Abu Sayyaf leader Khadaffy Janjalani, who is believed hiding in the bandit group's stronghold around Tuburan town.

Agence France Presse quoted Esperon as saying that he hoped to "chance upon the main band with the American hostages" while pursuing the 40-man band with the plantation workers.

Esperon said this band and its captive farmer-workers were sighted on Friday, leading to the clashes.

He said the rescue of the Perillos was "a result of our continuous closing in (on the Abu Sayyaf)."

"They are losing areas to maneuver and we now know some of their hiding places," he added.

Surrender

Seven members of the Abu Sayyaf have surrendered to police authorities at the Talipao Municipal Police Station in Basilan, according to a report from the Southern Mindanao Police Regional Office.

The seven reportedly surrendered to a group led by SPO3 Rudy Yusoph around 6 p.m. Friday, and turned over their M16 automatic rifles.

They were identified as Sibar Abdul, Magdahar Marjuki, Babing Hara, Andah Julaide, Badding Gulam, Hissan Gulam and Julhakim Kamilan.

They are now in the custody of the 104th Infantry Battalion and are being interrogated, the report said.

The surrender was reportedly arranged through negotiations between Yusoph and the Talipao police. ***With reports from Alexander M. Young, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Alcuin Papa in Manila; AP; AFP***

And then there are only 18 remaining captives

THE ABU Sayyaf is still holding 18 hostages in Basilan.

Seized from the Dos Palmas Resort in Palawan on May 27:

- Martin Burnham, American man.
- Gracia Burnham, American woman.
- Angie Montealegre, Filipino woman.
- Maria Fe Rosendo, Filipino woman.

Seized in a raid on a hospital in Lamitan town on June 2:

- Deborah Yap, Filipino woman, nurse.
- Reina Malonzo, Filipino woman, nurse.
- Sheila Bunyag, Filipino woman, midwife.
- Joel Julio, Filipino man, clerk.

Seized from the Golden Harvest Plantation in Lantawan town on June 11, all Filipino men:

- Rodrigo Solon.
- Reynaldo Ariston.
- Abdul Tata Mohammad.
- Roel Abelyon.
- Michael Abelyon.
- Faisal Benasing.
- Ruben Valdesamor Jr.
- Bertab Benasing.
- Sardy Benasing.
- Marlon Dinaganon.

Of the 20 tourists and workers taken from Dos Palmas, two Filipino resort workers were found dead. Nine Filipino tourists were recovered on June 2, and two others walked free from the bandits' camp on June 16. Two other Filipinos were freed on July 3. A third American, Guillermo Sobero, is presumed dead by the military although his body has not been found.

Of the 15 seized from the Lantawan plantation, the decapitated bodies of two workers were found June 23. Three were recovered by the military on Aug. 10. ***With an AFP report***

JDV knows where to get gov't funds

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Marcos and Cojuangco families, De Venecia said.

The Speaker is proposing a three-pronged strategy for the government to obtain immediate cash and to "turn the economy around" by progressively reducing deficit spending.

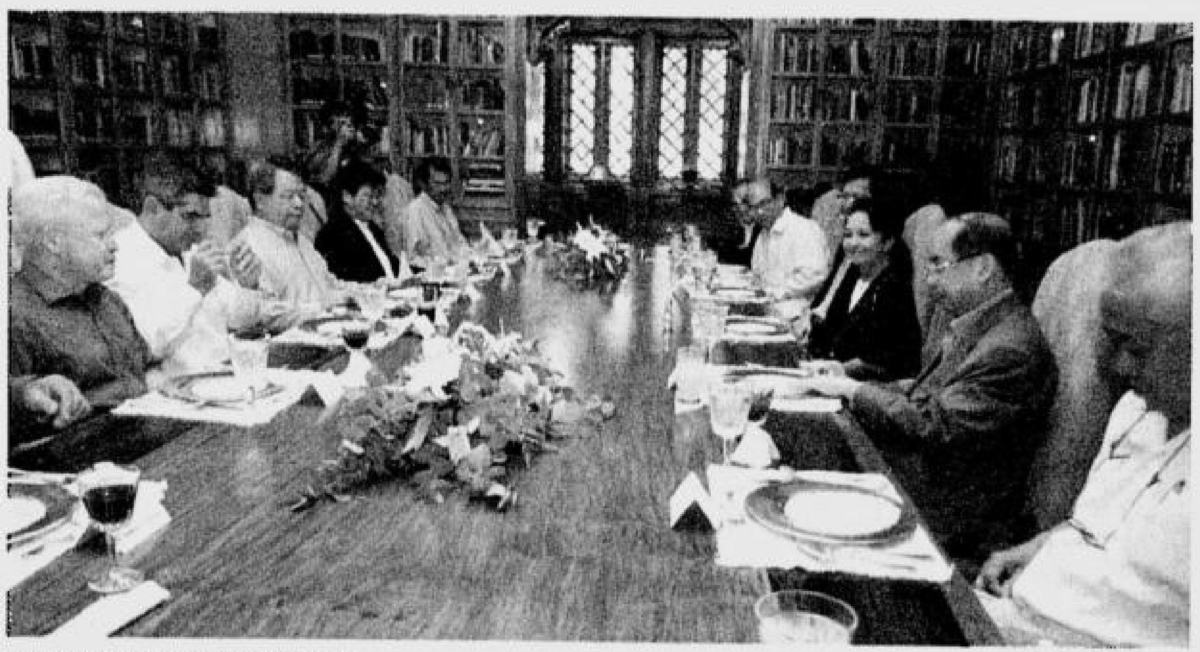
The first two measures involve having "final negotiated settlements" on the contentious cases involving the coconut levy fund and the Marcos wealth, which are the subject of 15-year-old court battles and whose resolutions have eluded four administrations.

The third entails the government fully cashing in on the operations starting this October of the Malampaya natural gas project off the coast of Palawan.

De Venecia said these three "sources" would enable the government to raise the counterpart fund required for it to avail itself of $12.5 billion in foreign aid "committed to the Philippines . . . since the Cory (Aquino) administration."

In an interview yesterday with the INQUIRER, the Pangasinan congressman said he would formally present his proposal to Malacañang in this week's resumption of the Legislative Executive Development Advisory Council meetings.

He briefly mentioned it in his July 23 inaugural speech and has since been floating the idea during speaking engagements with the business sector.



REASSURING BUSINESS EDWIN BACASMAS

President Macapagal-Arroyo meets with members of the Makati Business Club in Malacañang to brief them on her recent state visit to Malaysia and to reassure them that she has no immediate plans to impose currency controls.

Settlements

On the coconut levy issue, De Venecia proposed that the government and the camp of businessman Eduardo Cojuangco arrive at a settlement to be eventually submitted to the Supreme Court for approval and execution.

"This will immediately raise for the government—and coconut farmers—about P70 billion, (the amount) that corresponds only to the 27-percent shares of stock in San Miguel Corp. which former Ambassador Cojuangco is not claiming," De Venecia said.

He stressed that Cojuangco "is not claiming that 27 percent," and that the businessman had been "forthright" about it.

In an earlier interview with the INQUIRER, De Venecia said the 27-percent bloc would be outside the 20-percent shareholdings in SMC that Cojuangco had been claiming as his own.

"I think they (the government and the Cojuangcos) would be interested to see a final solution to this problem," said De Venecia, who bagged a third stint as Speaker of the House after engineering the so-called "Sunshine Coalition" between his party Lakas-NUCD and Cojuangco's Nationalist People's Coalition.

De Venecia is pushing for a similar deal with the heirs of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos although it is likewise lacking in specifics at the moment.

"About $650 million (in the Marcos Swiss bank deposits) has already been transferred in escrow with the Philippine National Bank," he said, adding:

"What we need now is an agreement with the Marcoses that this $650 million will be turned over to the government, and Congress would appropriate at least $150 million of (it) to pay the human rights claimants who were victims of martial law."

Malampaya

De Venecia's third solution will involve securing the government's stake in the Malampaya gas project, which is due to start pumping natural gas to a Batangas processing plant through an underwater pipeline "in four to five weeks."

The state-run Philippine National Oil Company owns 10 percent of the project. Shell Philippines Exploration BV and Texaco Philippines each have a 45-percent stake.

"All we need is to assign a fraction (of the government share) equivalent to $1 billion so that we can use (it) immediately. It will be easy to securitize because of the project's big-name partners," he said.

De Venecia said these three measures would yield at least $2.8 billion for the government, enough for the country to finally avail itself of $12.5 billion in overseas development assistance largely coming from Japan and Europe.

"This (assistance) fund is not being delivered to the Philippines because past presidents and Congresses have not been able to provide the counterpart fund equal to 25 percent (of the entire aid package). If we can raise at least $2.5 billion, then the government will have P10 billion more," he pointed out.

"We have to turn the economy around by mobilizing this $12.5 billion, or about P625 billion," he said.

Since taking over the House anew, De Venecia has been brandishing his 747 Economic Action Plan, a legislative agenda that includes proposed reforms in the country's tax system and the tapping of "internal assets" like the Malampaya project, the Marcos escrow deposit and the coconut levy fund.

He said the country should adopt this "inward strategy" while waiting for its chief export markets and investment sources like the United States and Japan to bounce back from their own economic slump.

The plan comes with an ambitious bid to lead the government back to zero deficit spending by the year 2006. The national budget deficit is expected to reach P145 billion this year and P130 billion in 2002.

NBI ready to throw book at Ping

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evidence or the allegations per se."

Tiglao said an upcoming investigation by the Ombudsman should "finally determine which (statement) is hogwash and which is not."

On Friday, Lacson described Wycoco as a "stooge" after the latter disclosed that the US State Department had furnished the NBI with documents purportedly confirming the existence of at least $50 million dollars in bank accounts in California alone.

Wycoco said Lacson was actually talking about himself. "I think the good senator is already losing his cool and balance by resorting to name-calling. I was never (anybody's) stooge . . . but look who's talking," Wycoco said.

"As senator of the land, he should know how to stick to issues. He should answer the questions and accusations squarely like a true gentleman," he added.

But the NBI chief himself was not above insulting the senator. "As things are unraveling, it turns out that when he was PNP chief, he was like Dracula guarding the blood bank," Wycoco said.

But the NBI chief has refused to show the press the "confidential" report "given to us as part of the RP-US mutual legal assistance treaty."

He would also not confirm if the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the US Customs Service facilitated the release of the report to the Philippine government.

'Positive reply'

Wycoco said that he asked for the evidence as early as March, based on a complaint lodged by several Hong Kong Chinese traders against Lacson.

"They came to my office together with (former Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force agent) Mary Ong to ask my office to investigate Lacson and his men," he said.

Wycoco said the Chinese traders were relatives of six businessmen allegedly kidnapped by Lacson's men.

"During the meeting, Ong mentioned the alleged fruit of the crimes," Wycoco said, referring to millions of dollars allegedly amassed through drug trafficking, ransom payments and smuggling activities.

"Because of this information, we wrote the US a letter to confirm if indeed the fruits of the crime were laundered in the US," he said.

"And we received a positive reply as early as April, so we continued with the investigation."

Military intelligence chief Col. Victor Corpus claims that Lacson has stashed at least $211 million in bank accounts in the United States, Canada and Hong Kong. Corpus also alleges that Lacson, his wife Alice and Joseph Estrada have a total of about $1 billion in 18 joint or individual accounts in the three countries.

Ping's denials

"I've never been involved in drugs," Lacson said in a radio interview yesterday, following Corpus' allegations that he had amassed the supposed fortune through drug trafficking.

Saying that he had turned down opportunities of making "easy money" from jueteng while he was PNP chief, he asked: "Why would I earn (money) in a way that would have made me liable for the death penalty?"

"It's an issue raised a long time ago, I've already answered that," Lacson told radio station dzRH, when asked to comment on his supposed links with a certain Kim Wong, a leader of a Chinese 14-K crime group.

Lacson also denied any irregularity in the questioned "burning" of some 480 kilos of shabu seized by the PNP last year from four suspected international drug pushers in 1999.

Sen. Robert Barbers yesterday asked the PNP to identify the police officers who purportedly disposed of the confiscated drugs in "utmost secrecy."

Barbers, who is likely to head the Senate committee on public order and illegal drugs, said the officers must explain why the drugs were not burned in the presence of local officials and representatives of other anti-narcotics agencies

Communist bogey

In his radio interview, Lacson again raised the communist bogey against Corpus, a former New People's Army rebel.

According to Lacson, "what we should seriously see is his links with the CPP, NPA, NDF. We may one day wake up and see red flags all over and find we have a different system of government."

"I hope this is just politics and our country is not in deep danger," he said, warning that Corpus may be taking the "whole Armed Forces for a ride."

Lacson also slammed Corpus for saying that he preferred to divulge his allegations to the media because charging Lacson in court would result in lengthy litigation.

"Why is he expressing doubts on the justice system, the Senate?" Lacson said. "We should watch him out . . . why is he poisoning the minds of people not to trust our institutions? Is he laying the groundwork for a military junta?"

Pwersa ng Masa spokesperson Jesus Crispin Remulla also lashed out at Corpus. "For him to say no to the courts is a telling thing. (It could mean) that he hasn't changed his leftist views or he does not have enough evidence to charge Senator Lacson," Remulla told reporters during a weekly press forum at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City.

"This is the work of an anarchist . . . He (Corpus) is nothing but a propagandist masquerading as an intelligence officer," Remulla said, daring Corpus "to go back to the hills" if he really does not trust the court system.

Church silent

The militant fisher folk group Pamalakaya called on the Macapagal administration to immediately file criminal charges against Lacson before the senator "launch(es) a daring escape from justice."

The Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) also aired its fear that Lacson's men might already be destroying vital evidence overseas to protect the senator.

Crispin Beltran, KMU chair and Bayan-Muna party-list representative-elect, said all documents, photographs, records and most importantly the witnesses involved in the Lacson case must be safeguarded.

While many sectors have called for a thorough investigation, the Catholic Church has remained silent on the issue all week.

Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, both of whom called for former President Joseph Estrada's resignation shortly after the "juetengate" exposé, failed to issue any call for further investigation or for justice to take its course.

"No comment," was the response when newly inducted Bishop Socrates Villegas of Manila relayed Cardinal Sin's reaction to the initial yet already explosive reports early last week of Lacson's alleged laundering of almost US$ 1 billion and stashing away more than US$ 200 million in US banks.

The Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace, however, and the Promotion for Church People's Response, another ecumenical and progressive group, have both called for an investigation. ***With reports from Donna Cueto, Philip Tubeza, Norman Bordadora and Cathy Yamsuan***

Meet 'the team to beat Lacson'

(From page A1)

Chan and Mendoza were "mistahs" in Class '78 of the Philippine Military Academy Class, which adopted Ms Macapagal.

Both Chan and Mendoza were combat and field officers. Chan commanded a battalion in Mindanao provinces, while Mendoza garnered 183 as a field and combat officer in the Philippine Constabulary and later in the PNP.

Senior Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, who was chief of the PNP-IG in February, instructed his two men, Mendoza and Liscano, to join the team.

Liscano was tapped as intelligence officer after a stint in Seoul, South Korea, as a member of the 12th AFP contingent to the United Nations Command, Honor Guard Company.

Youngest

Liscano and Mendoza also worked together in several intelligence projects.

Jarumay, 29, a graduate of the University of the Philippines College of Law, and the youngest team member, is a former prosecutor in the Office of the Ombudsman.

Rosebud, a controversial witness who has accused Lacson of involvement in kidnapping and other criminal activities, was brought along to provide the US Customs Service additional information on Lacson's alleged criminal activities.

Pelaez is a US citizen who worked at the US Department of Interior for 25 years, Chan said.

She made headlines in Manila after the PNP under Lacson allegedly refused to pay P30 million worth of handcuffs purchased from the Smith and Wesson, which Pelaez represented in the Philippines.

Pelaez planned to file a civil case against Lacson in the United States. The team hoped to gain access to Lacson's bank records through court subpoenas of documents relating to the case.

Team to beat Ping?

According to sources in the local intelligence community, the group was "a team to beat Lacson and his men."

The members of the team said they "secured" their respective families before going to the United States.

Ong's two children were amply secured in a safe house maintained by the Isafp for government witnesses, team members said.

According to Chan, the team believed that Lacson had "well-organized criminal networks" and that "whoever crossed his path would definitely suffer from his wrath."

Pelaez would not take chances and brought along with her two of her five children, Joseph and Joelle, a Bb. Pilipinas runner up. Two other daughters, Christine and Melissa, are based in the United States.

Joelle acted as Mary Ong's constant companion, to make sure Rosebud stayed safe. "Well, the guys couldn't accompany her to the ladies room," Joelle said.

Lacson knew

It was not long before Lacson learned of the team's mission, Chan said.

The intelligence officer said that in one of their meetings, US customs agents informed the team that Lacson's chief of staff, lawyer Evaristo Gana, had contacted the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Gana allegedly wanted to talk with the a US Customs Service representative "to present Ping Lacson's side of the story on the bank accounts."

"We told the US agents that we had not even reported to our superiors and not even to our families on our findings, and yet Lacson was already talking with US authorities about his bank accounts," Chan said after one such meeting.

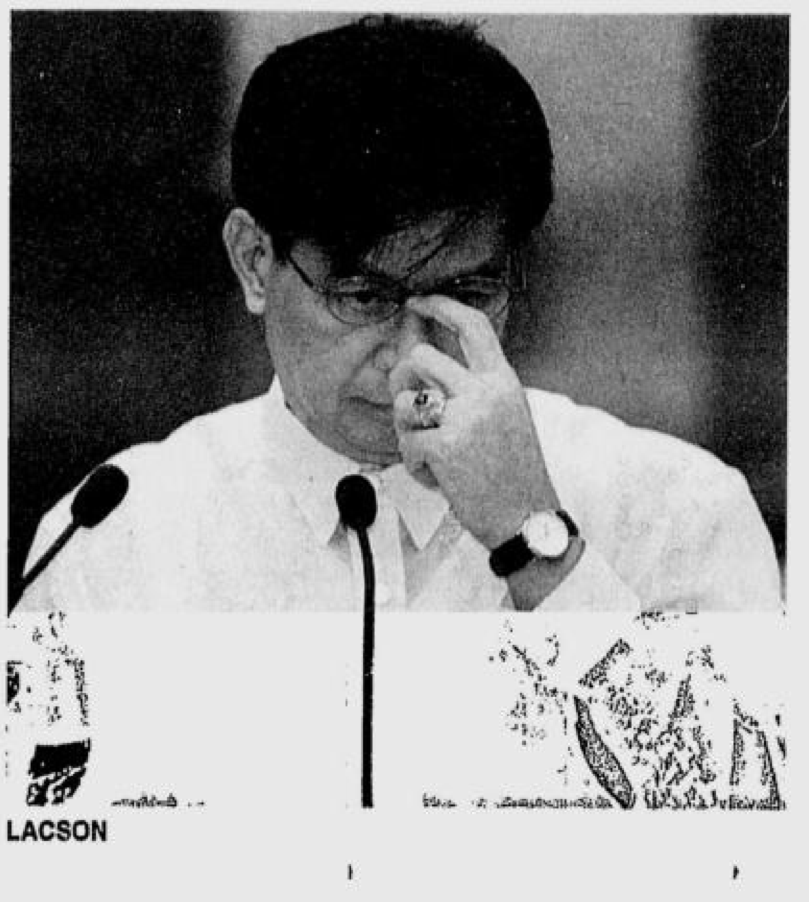
The team got a little security help from US Customs Service officials, who assigned a senior agent to meet the six at the Hong Kong International Airport on June 2 and the San Francisco International Airport on the evening of June 5, Chan said.

The joint military and police team had one month to dig up evidence on the alleged hidden wealth of Lacson in Hong Kong and North America.

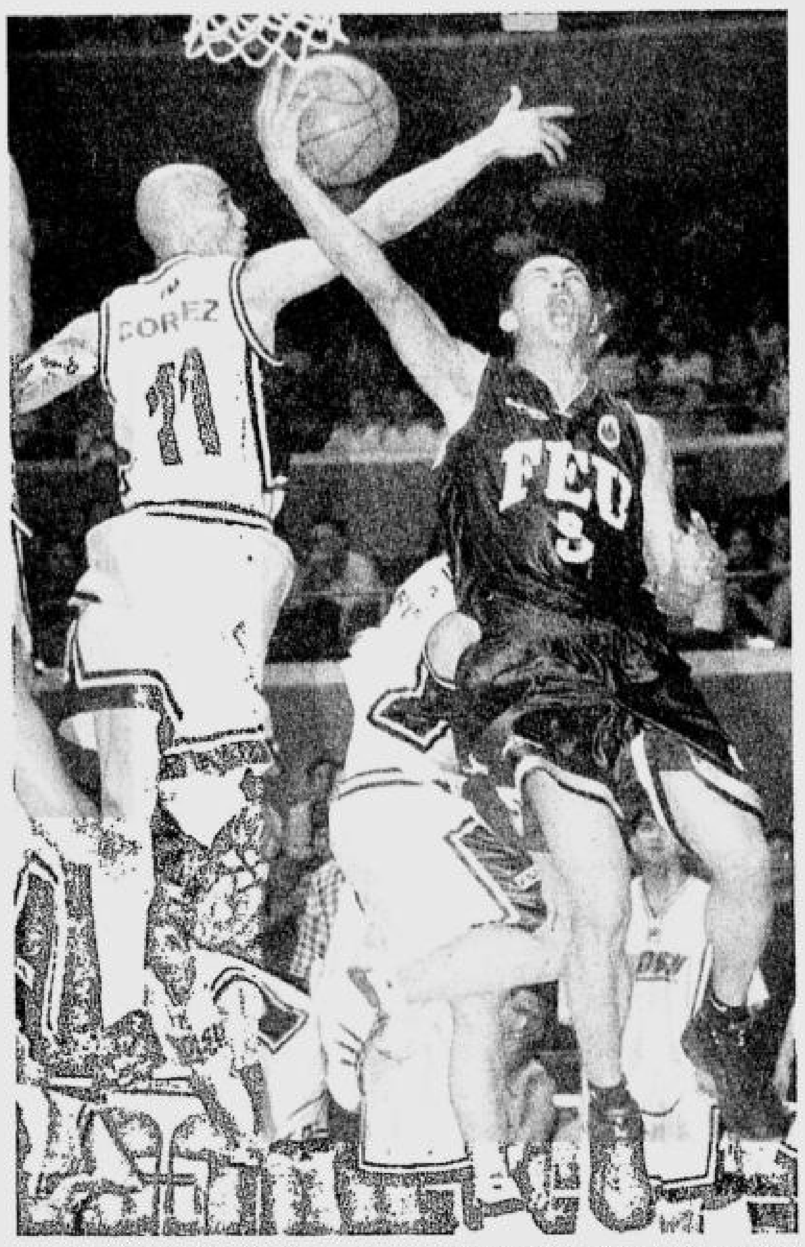
Chan said the move to seek an indictment of Lacson for large-scale money laundering in the United States was considered because of the "impartial nature" of the US judicial system, "which even the well-influenced Lacson could not manipulate."

"It is believed that the US courts can render swift and fair judgment of Lacson's case, which will finally expose the true nature of this corrupt and nefarious individual," Chan said.

By the time they returned to Manila in early July, the team considered its mission accomplished.



LACSON



FEU'S Cesar Catli (5) drives past La Salle's Mike Cortez (11) during their UAAP game at the Araneta Coliseum yesterday. La Salle won, 97-87, in overtime. DENNIS SABANGAN

Monico wants Tiny's answer

BY JUNE NAVARRO

REP. Monico Puentevella yesterday said he would call a congressional hearing once the country fails to defend the Southeast Asian Games basketball gold next month in Kuala Lumpur.

"I will call a congressional hearing and track down the culprits," said Puentevella, who facilitated a conciliatory meeting between warring basketball leaders Gonzalo "Lito" Puyat and Quinteliano "Tiny" Literal last week.

The Bacolod solon's move, though, went pfft when Literal refused to sign a peace agreement with Puyat. Said document would have been submitted to the International Basketball Federation (Fiba).

As chair of the House Committee on Youth and Sports, Puentevella enjoined Puyat and Literal to sign an accord in an effort to reinstate the Basketball Association of the Philippines to the rolls of the Fiba.

Puyat signed while Literal deferred, explaining that he has to confer the matter with his BAP board first. Puentevella also affixed his signature as witness.

"But until now I have yet to hear a word from him (Literal)," Puentevella told the INQUIRER. "All I wanted to hear is his answer whether yes or no."

A no for an answer will prolong the BAP leadership crisis and will inevitably deny the country a sure basketball gold medal in the SEA Games set on Sept. 9-17.

"And if that happens, I will make sure the culprits be held responsible before our countrymen," said Puentevella, a former commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission.

Puentevella added he would open an investigation together with basketball-loving representatives Miguel Zubiri of Bukidnon, Tony Abaya of Isabela and Conrad Estrella of Pangasinan.

But in the event Literal signs the agreement, the country will be allowed to send a team in the biennial meet as provided by the Fiba communication sent on July 22.

A management committee composed of BAP officials from the two groups will then be formed to facilitate the defense of the country's basketball gold.

"Again I'm appealing to Tiny and the people around him to sign the agreement and talk about power struggle after the SEA Games. Otherwise, we will be the laughing stock in the region," said Puentevella.

Asian motocross rolls off

THE 2001 FIM Asian Motocross Championships begin at the Sugo Circuit in Japan today with last year's PSA Rider of the Year Glenn Aguilar representing the Philippines.

Aguilar will display his wares against top riders from Japan, Australia, New Zealand, China, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia in the five-part series hosted by the Motorcycle Federation of Japan.

The Las Piñas-based Aguilar was invited to the competition through the National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association (Namssa), the country's governing body in motorcycle sports.

Asian Motorcycle Union president and Namssa general manager Macky Carapiet said the annual event will be shown to more than 1.6 billion households via Star TV and ESPN. Carapiet finalized the television coverage during a meeting with motorsports TV producers Greenlight UK recently.

'Basketfools'

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

SHOULD Rep. Puentevella's move to call for a congressional inquiry on the basketball brouhaha gripping the country for quite some time now push through, will that constitute government intervention in sports?

I don't think so.

Government intervention happens when government meddles in the internal affairs of sports. Puentevella stepping into the fray makes him a mediator, not an intervenor.

The Bacolod lawmaker is into it because the problem involves national interest, basketball being the country's No. 1 pastime. Not only that. At the moment, only the SEA Games is the basketball crown of note that we own. To lose it on a mere technicality would be totally unfair.

Already, there has been so much embarrassment generated by the impasse on the presidential issue of the Basketball Association of the Philippines in that we have become the object of ridicule of the international basketball community. Our Asean neighbors have started calling us a nation of *basketfools*.

Obviously, Puentevella, ever the concerned sportsman that he is, cannot stomach things anymore.

The killer blow was when Fiba suspended the BAP, jeopardizing the country's participation in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games next month. Fiba said it would lift the suspension if presidential claimants Lito Puyat and Tiny Literal would agree to a truce.

Using this rider, Puentevella said he had asked Puyat and Literal to sign a peace agreement. Puentevella said he would next present the document to Fiba in a bid to have the suspension lifted.

But look what happened. While Puyat readily agreed to Monico's formula, Literal balked. What gives, Tiny?

So, proceed, your honor. On with the congressional inquiry.

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Tomorrow, Aug. 13, is a red-letter day for Rod Feliciano, president of the National Golf Association of the Philippines. Said Rod: "I hope Mr. Garcia (Richie) keeps his word and releases the golf budget tomorrow as he had promised. Approving (the budget) is one thing, releasing (it) is another."

Archers down Tamaraws in OT

Games Today(Loyola Gym)
2 p.m.—NU vs Adamson
4 p.m.—UP vs UE

BY DENNIS U. EROA

DEFENDING champion La Salle flashed razor-sharp form in extra time, repulsing shell-shocked Far Eastern University, 97-87, in a thriller of a game last night in the UAAP Men's Basketball Championship at the Araneta Coliseum.

Sharpshooter Ren Ren Ritualo ran roughshod over the swarming Tamaraws defense, hitting nine of his 21 points in a span of one minute as the Green Archers ripped the game wide open, 92-79, 3:40 left in the overtime period.

Ritualo's outstanding show preserved the game-long brilliance of rookie sensation Mark Cardona, Mike Cortez, Willy Wilson and BJ Manalo, who did not disappoint with his steady plays which put more teeth to La Salle's efficient plays.

It was La Salle's sixth win in seven games, good enough to put the four-ward seeking Green Archers to a share of the leadership with the Ateneo Blue Eagles. FEU dropped to 5-2, its twin losses inflicted by the league's pacesetters.

Power playing Enrico Villanueva and Magnum Membrere joined hands as Ateneo stopped University of Santo Tomas, 60-51, in the other senior game.

SCORES

ATENEO 60—Villanueva 21, Membrer 14, Bugia 8, Alvarez 5, Fonacier 5, Tenorio 3, Cruz 2, Sison 2, Quimpo 0

UST 51—Gelig 14, Espiritu 10, Hubalde 9, Oreta 7, Raterta 4, Lunazon 3, Naningga 2, De Guzman 2, Agleron 0, Villamin 0.

LA SALLE 97—Cortez 24, Cardona 22, Ritualo 21, Wilson 14, Ramos 6, Manalo 5, Gavino 3, Yeo 2, Sharma 0, Sta. Maria 0.

FEU 87—Avenido 35, Roldan 17, Catli 9, Castro 8, Dela Rosa 6, Chavez 4, Tolentino 4, Zablan 2, Jones 2, Conlu 0, Miranda 0.

Collegiate leagues tap Sportsmed

SPORTSMED, a Filipino company providing comprehensive sports medicine services, has been tapped by this year's UAAP and NCAA basketball tournaments to provide appropriate first aid, authoritative and instant return-to-play advice, referrals for fast, accurate and competent medical advice and other services during this season's games. Doctors and paramedics in dark blue shirt with www.sportsmed.ph on their backs are currently familiar fixtures in both leagues.

Leading the well-trained and experienced medical personnel behind Sportsmed are Interventional Pediatric Cardiologist Dr. Jonas Del Rosario, Australian-trained orthopedic surgeon Dr. Benigno Agbayani Jr. and Dr. Ted Herbosa, chair of the UP-PGH Department of Emergency medical director. U.S. Athletic Training degree graduate Jimbo Saret complement the company's mission of providing athletic enhancement while highly specialized medical specialists like opthalmologist Dr. Dino Fontanilla and Dr. Winston Villar provide vision screening, laser surgery and other state-of-the art eye treatment. Metabolic, nutrition and medical advice is provided by Chicago and Cleveland-trained endocrinologist Dr. Joy Castillo-Fontanilla while the orthopedic unit is strengthened by shoulder specialists Dr. Jose Anthony Jocson of the UP-PGH Department of Orthopedics and Dr. Jose "Brix" Pujalte of the Philippine Orthopedic Center. New York-trained burns and plastic surgery specialist Dr. Jose Joven Cruz is also part of the group.

Cabalinan enjoys huge lead

JEFF Cabalinan, Lee Bumgarner, Mario Cunanan, Victor Yap, Jeremy Marquez, Eduardo Pena, Tyson Sy and Lorenzo Rijk stake the lead in their respective categories in the seventh leg of the Shell Super Karting Championships at the Batangas Racing Circuit in Rosario, Batangas this weekend.

Cabalinan enjoys a commanding lead in the overall standings in the Formula Super A category over perennial rivals Pepon Marave, Jess Garcia, Manuel Mayor and Mon Tanjuatco.

Cabalinan has a six-leg aggregate of 237 points, 66 points ahead of Marave and 81 points ahead of Garcia and Mayo going into the final two legs of this annual event organized by the Carmona Circuit Phils. Shell Velocity, Shell Helix and Shell Citibank Mastercard support the event.

Bumgarner is also ahead in the Formula 125 and Rotax Challenge categories over Mike Francisco, Bert Neuhof, Angelo Barreto and Mike Sy. The American karting champion, who won the last two races, has 203 points against Francisco's 181 points and Neuhof's 179 points.

Also gunning for another win in this nine-part series sponsored by Coca-Cola, Bridgestone, Nokia, Match Box/How Wheels, Demvel's and Eastway Racing are Cunanan, Marquez, Yap, Pena, Sy and Rijk.

Cunanan, who dominated the sixth leg on July 29, is currently tied for first place with Allan Uy in the intercon class with 220 points. Bingo Valero is third with 179 points.

Yap is nursing a 44-point advantage over sixth-leg winner Edgar Quesada, 217-173, while Marquez is protecting a 38-point lead over Mandy Borja, 163-125, in the FSL Light.

Pena and Sy are locked in a close battle for leadership in the Jr. Kt. Category with only five points separating them, 204-199.

Lingayen hosting Milo Olympics

MILO offers another exciting opportunity for young people to get into sports as it launches the Little Olympics at the Narciso Sports and Civic Center in Lingayen, Pangasinan on Aug. 17.

Elementary and high school students from different provinces look forward to joining the nationwide inter-school sports competition that features 10 sports: badminton, gymnastics, lawn tennis, chess, table tennis, taekwondo, athletics, swimming, football and volleyball.

Now on its 13th year, the Milo Little Olympics is consistent with the long-term commitment of Milo to promote sports and youth development.

According to Andrew Bramston, Nestle vice president for Coffee and Beverages, the event is a stepping stone for the participants toward serious involvement in sports.

The event expanded to cover other places like Cebu in 1996, Cagayan de Oro in 1997 and Pangasinan in 1998.

Among its discoveries are Sydney Olympic swimmer Lizza Danila, chess champion Emmanuel Emperado, tennis pro Johnny Arcilla, taekwondo expert John Paul Lizardo and SEA Games superstar gymnast, Pia Adelle.

From Pangasinan, the event goes to Cagayan de Oro, Cebu and Manila. It is being supported by the Department of Culture and Sports, Philippine Sports Commission and Philippine Olympic Committee.

Asian badminton stakes ranking points

IN a bid to further raise the level of competition and inspire strong performances from the Asian players, organizers of the JVC Asian Badminton Championships are staking ranking points for the top players competing in the $150,000 event slated Aug. 22-26 at the Philsports Arena.

Launched in 1999, the ranking system is put up to recognize the efforts of the Asian players and motivate them to dish out their best games.

Players who finish No. 1 in their respective divisions from a series of qualifiers and tournaments will receive $1,000 plus a JVC product, according to the organizing International Management Group (IMG) and the sponsoring Japanese electronic giant JVC.

The incentive package is sure to heighten competition in this year's staging of the championships, which has attracted some of the world's best players and which the country is hosting for the first time since 1969.

This early, the Chinese and the Indonesians have been fancied to slug it out for top honors in five divisions although they are expected to have their hands full against the rest of the 19-team field, particularly South Korea and Malaysia.

BASEBALL RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	69	47	.595	—
Boston	64	50	.561	4
Toronto	54	62	.465	15
Baltimore	48	68	.414	21
Tampa Bay	39	77	.336	30
Central				
Cleveland	64	51	.557	—
Minnesota	64	51	.557	—
Chicago	57	57	.500	6 1/2
Detroit	48	66	.421	15 1/2
Kansas City	46	70	.397	18 1/2
West				
Seattle	83	33	.715	—
Oakland	66	50	.569	17
Anaheim	61	55	.526	22
Texas	51	65	.440	32

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	64	51	.557	—
Philadelphia	63	52	.548	1
Florida	58	57	.504	6
New York	54	62	.465	10 1/2
Montreal	48	68	.414	16 1/2
Central				
Chicago	66	48	.579	—
Houston	65	50	.565	1 1/2
St. Louis	59	55	.517	7
Milwaukee	48	65	.425	17 1/2
Cincinnati	47	67	.412	19
Pittsburgh	44	70	.386	22
West				
Los Angeles	65	51	.560	—
Arizona	64	51	.557	1/2
San Francisco	64	52	.552	1
San Diego	56	59	.487	8 1/2
Colorado	48	67	.417	16 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 2; Kansas City 7, Detroit 3; Texas 7, Cleveland 2; Anaheim 8, Toronto 7; Oakland 8, N.Y. Yankees 1; Chicago White Sox 8, Seattle 6; Boston at Baltimore, ppd., rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs 9, San Francisco 3; Houston 7, Florida 2; San Diego 3, Pittsburgh 2; Colorado 16, Cincinnati 7; Milwaukee 5, Montreal 1; Philadelphia 10, Los Angeles 5; St. Louis 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings; Arizona 7, Atlanta 0. AP

Mark shines

FILIPINO International Master Mark Paragua posted his second straight upset and kept pace with frontrunners after the second round Friday of the Asian Continental Championship at the Gorky Sadan Hall in Calcutta, India.

Paragua, seeded 44th in the 76-man field, turned the tables on No. 13 seed Chinese GM Liang Chong to pick up his second point and tie top seed GM Xu Jun of China.

Labay, Dandan reach Philta finals

UNRANKED Alyssa Labay of Bacolod and No. 3 Kyle Dandan of Colegio San Agustin downed separate rivals yesterday to reach the finals of the Philta Classic III Age Group Tennis championships at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

The 15-year-old Labay, playing out of Negros Occidental Tennis Association, ousted No. 4 Ivy de Castro of Miriam College, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, to forge a girls' 16-under title showdown with top seed Berry Sepulveda, who defeated NO. 3 Bien Zoleta, 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals.

Hingis enters semis

MANHATTAN BEACH, California —Martina Hingis of Switzerland and Lindsay Davenport of the United States, each bothered by nagging injuries as they tune up for the U.S. Open, won quarterfinal matches in the estyle.com Classic. Hingis, the top seed, defeated No. 12 American Amy Frazier 6-2, 6-3 in 69 minutes to set up a semifinal with either Williams or Seles. Davenport struggled before beating seventh seed Elena Dementieva of Russia 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. AP

SPORTSWATCH

Jones bounces back

JONES

EDMONTON, Alberta—Marion Jones is a world champion again. Out of a title for four days, she bounced back to take her first World Championship gold medal in the 200 meters. And she will go for another gold Saturday with the U.S. 4x100 meter relay team, trying to further soothe the loss of the 100 title. AP

Golf Power today

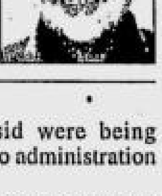
GOLF Power today presents a regular Philippine Junior Golf Federation tournament at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club East Course. Also featured are Gerard Cantada's golf clinic held recently at the Bacolod Golf and Country Club and the regular golf tips, trivia, definition of golf terms and rules. Golf Power, now on its sixth year, is aired every Sunday, 3 p.m. on IBC-13 and is hosted by Gerard. The program is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and sponsored by Cebu Pacific and Outback Steakhouse.

Delasin 6 behind

DOROTHY Joy Delasin picked up the pieces of her disastrous British Open windup to shoot an eagle-spiked two-under-par 70 on Friday and trailed leader Leta Lindley by six strokes in the Wendy's Championship for Children in New Albany, Ohio. The 20-year-old Delasin knocked in her eagle on the sixth. She had four birdies against four bogeys.

'Action Man' is back; Bobok, Vic endorsed

ONE WINNER



Edwin Villanueva

THE MACAPAGAL-ARROYO administration did one brilliant move for horse racing by re-appointing sportsman-businessman Jimmy Dilag as Philracom commissioner.

Jimmy, dubbed as "Action Man" by Philracom people and racing fans, first served the racing body during Nicky Jacinto's term as chair in the early '90s.

His "aksyon agad" attitude on various Philracom programs back then earned him that monicker.

"*Sumaya uli dito sa* Philracom *at sumigla ang mga empleyado kasi balik na naman si* Sir Jimmy," said one employee of the racing body after Dilag formally started his work last Monday.

A former pelotari, Dilag also served as jai alai *intendente* before he was re-installed as racing commissioner.

Welcome back, Jimmy!

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While Dilag's reappointment was warmly welcomed by the various racing sectors, those of Lyndon Guce and Antonio Alcasid Sr. was frowned upon.

The jockeys' and trainers' associations were wondering why Guce and Alcasid were being considered by the Macapagal-Arroyo administration to the post.

"Malacañang violated procedures. *Naloko yata si* Presidente Gloria," said one racing official who requested anonymity.

The jockeys' group under Ted Bolante and trainers' association under Rogelio Catajan have already sent Malacañang separate letters informing it of their respective recommendations.

Under the rules, the jockeys' and trainers' groups endorse persons who enjoy the mandate of their members and whom they feel are well-suited for the position.

Bolante and Co. said they "see no quarrel with Guce and are totally convinced that he can very well represent the jockeys in the commission."

However, the group added: "But we see no compelling reason to replace Eduardo Domingo Jr. We still support and endorse him as jockeys' representative to the Philracom."

The group also said that they'll support Guce when his time comes.

As to the trainers' side, they said they have not yet recommended any replacement for lawyer Victor Tantoco.

"Commissioner Tantoco has worked hard and contributed tremendously to our members' and dependents' welfare. It is in this context that we strongly reiterate our endorsement of him as official representative of the group to the Philracom," the trainers wrote executive secretary Bert Romulo.

The *bayang kareristas* hope President GMA would listen to the jockeys' and trainers' pleas and make the necessary "corrections" *habang hindi pa huli ang lahat!*

We don't want to see this horse racing industry in tatters again just because of those unpopular appointments.

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. Golden Ballet 2. Signal Mountain 3. Umaatikabo 4. Conquer D Sun
Race 2—1. Pep Up 2. D Pen Traveller 3. Southern Gent 4. Strong Alphonse
Race 3—1. Family Task 2. Power Drive 3. Sonata
Race 4—1. Golden Quest 2. Our Hope 3. Morning Nell 4. No Compromise 5. God Is Good
Race 5—1. Favorite Trick 2. Red Bells 3. Radiance
Race 6—1. Better Harry 2. May's Magic 3. Sir Oilzon 4. Front Page/Heavy Metal
Race 7—1. Lyonnais 2. October Sky 3. El Duque 4. Dynamite Miss 5. Kay Rufina
Race 8—1. Art of Rose 2. Tigra 3. D Raven
Race 9—1. Materiales Fuertes 2. Bidang Bida 3. Silver Rose 4. Free Bee 5. Duces Tecum 6. Fireball
Race 10—1. Suterian Era 2. Winning Rose 3. The King 5. Gun Express
Race 11—1. T Square 2. Jazz Queen 3. Emancipated Belle 4. Royal Diamond 5. Native Talent
Race 12—1. Double Check 2. Gallop for Gold 3. She's Splendid 4. Black Force 5. Boomerang
Race 13—1. Cluny 2. Gracious Heart 3. Sham Sham 4. Noble Principality 5. Sir Lawrence
Race 14—1. Dial Tone 2. Magic Fingers 3. Modulo Queen 4. Tour de Force 5. Angelovich 6. Ayos Ba There

Rice now with Rockets

NEW YORK —The Knicks have agreed to trade Glen Rice to the Houston Rockets in a three-team deal involving Dallas that brings Shandon Anderson and Howard Eisley to New York. As part of the trade, which was announced Friday night, Muggsy Bogues goes from the Knicks to the Mavericks, and Dallas sends the rights to second-round draft pick Kyle Hall to the Rockets. *AP*

Sunday **SPORTS**

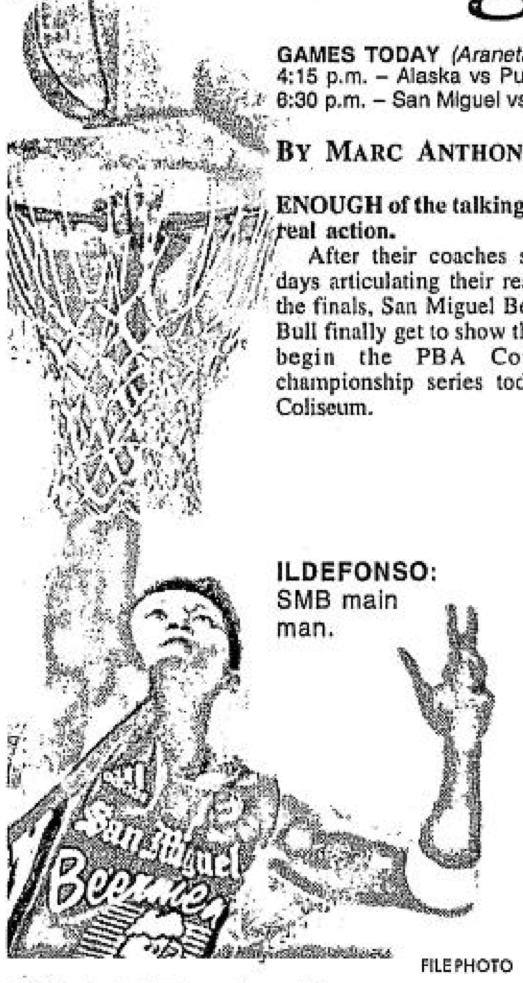
AL S. MENDOZA, Editor ▨ **EDWIN M. VILLANUEVA**, Assistant Editor

US cagers rip Slovenians

SAITAMA, Japan — Duke's Chris Duhon and Iowa's Reggie Evans provided the fireworks Friday as the United States rolled to a 110-83 victory over Slovenia in the quarterfinals of the World Basketball Championship for Young Men. America's 21 and under national team, which went 5-0 in the preliminary round, will take on Argentina in the semifinals on Saturday.

PBA FINALS ON

San Miguel picked over Red Bull



ILDEFONSO: SMB main man.

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GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4:15 p.m. – Alaska vs Purefoods
6:30 p.m. – San Miguel vs Red Bull

By Marc Anthony Reyes

ENOUGH of the talking, it's time for some real action.

After their coaches spent the past few days articulating their respective chances in the finals, San Miguel Beer and Batang Red Bull finally get to show their stuff when they begin the PBA Commissioner Cup championship series today at the Araneta Coliseum.

But before anything else, let's look at some hard facts about the best-of-seven title series.

The Beermen, already the most successful franchise in league history with a record 16 titles to show, are gunning for their fourth straight conference championship that would also put them well on track for a grandslam this season.

Armed with probably the most formidable lineup in terms of height, depth and expertise, San Miguel has won five of the last six championships since last year and is holding an impressive credential of 24 championship appearances. Its coach alone, Jong Uichico, remains unbeaten in five championships he has gone through.

Against all these, the Thunder are banking on youth and exuberance that fuelled their ascent from mere expansion team to a championship-caliber after only five conferences in the league.

However, the figures are not that lopsided in this conference, particularly in the semis where the Thunder have turned in better numbers than the Beermen in most statistical departments.

Red Bull scores higher (86.4 points per game against SMB's 79.8), shoots better from the three-point lane (47.1 percent-28.7 percent) as well as in two-point field goals (50.3 percent-41.3 percent) and moves the ball better (16.6 assists per game compared to SMB's 13.2).

San Miguel also has a slim advantage in their head-to-head confrontation this season, 3-2. Uichico has five titles tuck in his belt, while Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao has two, the last one he won eight years ago with Swift.

In terms of manpower, San Miguel will bank on usual gunners Danny Ildefonso, Danny Seigle and Nate Johnson, whose performances are hinged on the Beermen's well-established and defense-oriented game plan.

Purefoods and Alaska Milk dispute third-place honors in a knockout game at 4:15 p.m.

UICHICO

GUIAO

SJ Knights, Slashers try to gain finals

GAMES TODAY *(San Juan Gym)*
3:00 p.m.—Andok's San Juan vs LBC Batangas
(Cebu City Coliseum)
5:30 p.m.—Negros vs Cebuana Lhuillier

By Roy Luarca

WHAT they started on the road, the Andok's San Juan Knights will try to finish at home today.

The Knights, who beat the LBC Batangas Blades, 94-82, at the Sentrum De La Salle Lipa in the opener of their Metropolitan Basketball Association First Phase semifinal series, aim to finish off the Blades at 3 p.m. at the San Juan Gym.

Negros also targets a sweep of its own best-of-three semis series with Cebuana Lhuillier at 5:30 p.m. at the Cebu City Coliseum.

The Slashers conquered the Matt Mitchell-less Gems, 102-91, at the University of St. La Salle Gym on Friday.

Momentum has definitely shifted to the Knights' side as they have beaten the Blades twice in succession, including an 89-63 rout on June 29 in the elimination round, and will play before the hometown crowd.

San Juan coach Philip Cezar will again be banking on Chito Victolero for the playmaking chores, high-flyer Bruce Dacia and Chris Calaguio for the points and 6-foot-6 Omanzie Rodriguez and burly Danny Capobres for the rebounds. Support will come from Gilbert Castillo and Rafi Reavis.

The Blades actually led up to the early part of the third quarter before their shooting suddenly turned awry in the face of the Knights' tough defense.

Meanwhile, MBA commissioner Ogie Narvasa slapped fines on erring coaches and players during the San Juan-Batangas tussle. Batangas' Eddie Laure drew the stiffest fine of P8,000 broken down as P2,000 for an elbow foul on Danny Capobres, P2,000 for disrespectfully addressing the referee and P4,000 for inciting the crowd. He was also summoned to appear before the Office of the Commissioner at 10 a.m. today.

Southridge, W'rose score

SOUTHRIDGE and Woodrose School topped their respective divisions to complete the cast for the Manila qualifiers in the inaugural Lipovitan 4 on 4 soccer campus tour national finals recently at Hillborough Subd. in Alabang, Muntinlupa.

Keitaro Zenarosa, Nicholas Sylvestre Reyes, Gregorio Pinga, Emmanuel Saldana and Andreas Tuason powered Southridge to victory over Southville A and B and Southridge Team Netherlands in the Lipovitan LPO HS division.

Gia Yusi, Louie Navarro, Angela Frega, Angelica Ibarra and Carissa Camara beat Southville IS in the Lipovitan IRA women's division.

Early finalists in this tournament sponsored by Taisho Pharmaceuticals Inc., and with Mizuno as official outfitter are: (College division) Makati-Ateneo Graduate School of Business; Mandaluyong-Rizal Technological University; Quezon City—University of the Philippines; University Belt—University of Santo Tomas; Manila-College of St. Benilde; and Alabang—Don Bosco Center of Studies.

(Women's division) Colegio San Agustin, Savio Youth Center, University of the Philippines, University of Santo Tomas, College of St. Benilde and Woodrose School. (HS division) Don Bosco Technical Institute, Don Bosco Technical College, Ateneo de Manila, Angelicum College and Southridge.

The event will held its Laguna elims at UP Los Baños on Aug. 17 and the Central Luzon elims on Aug. 22 at Don Bosco Tarlac. The national finals is slated from Aug. 25 and 26 at the Powerplant, Rockwell Center, Makati City. Other sponsors are Magic 89.9, IBC 13, Excel Press, YKL Film, and Lakbay Sandals.

The widely successful event which is designed to popularize football and find new talents from the campuses is organized by Pro-Aide Inc. headed by Dexter M. Araquel.

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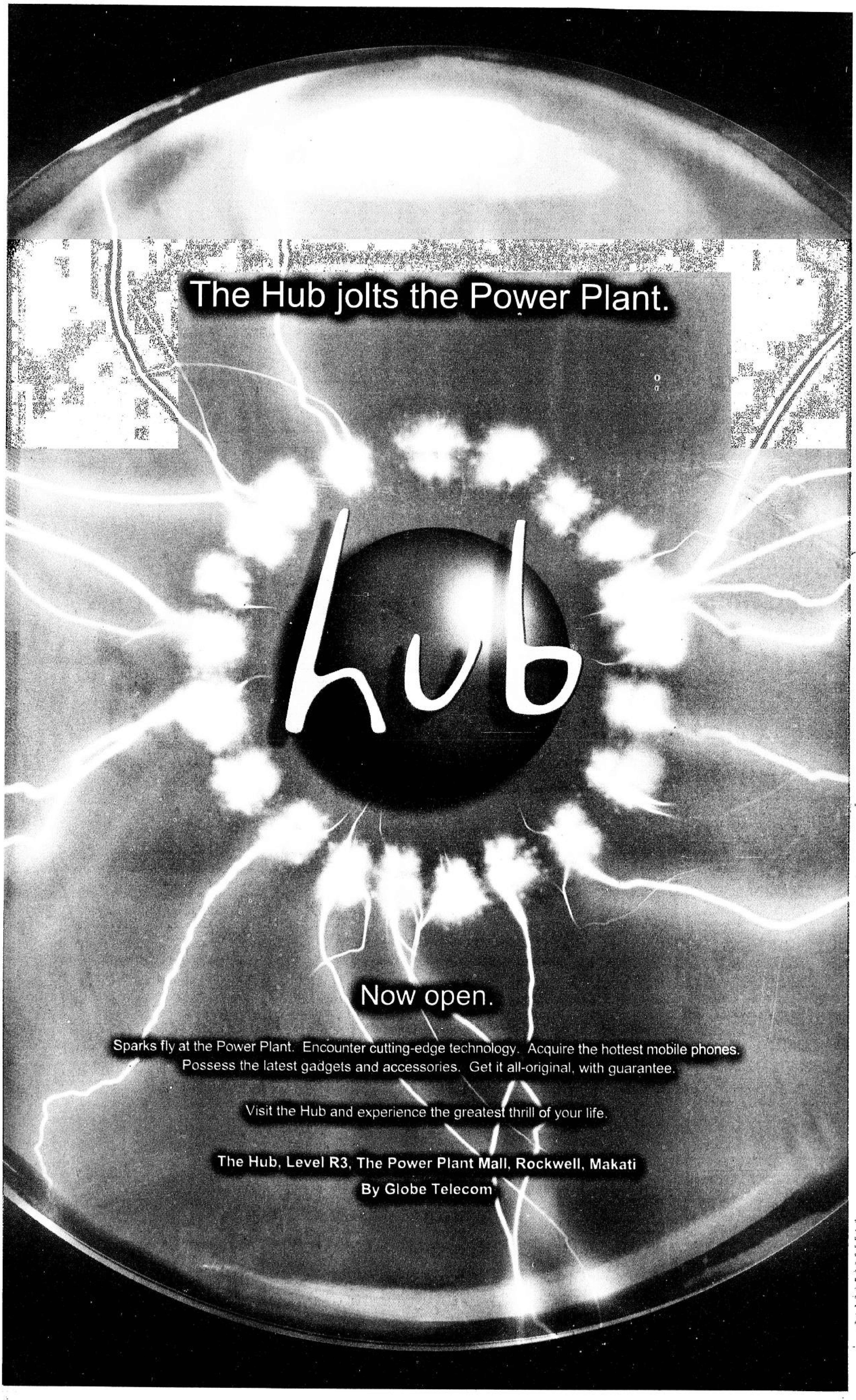

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Truck plows into house; mom, 5 kids hurt

BY JEROME ANING

A MOTHER and her five children—aged eight months to 17 years—were seriously injured when a speeding cargo truck plowed through their shanty in Tondo, Manila before dawn yesterday.

Evelyn Familiar, 35, and her children Shayne, 17, Malen, 14, Charlotte, 12, Aracela, 25, and Melodia, 8 months, are in critical condition at the Mary Johnston Hospital, also in Tondo.

They suffered multiple fractures, head injuries and deep cuts when their shanty at 1278 Mabuhay St., Tondo, collapsed around them.

SPO3 Wilfredo Estomaquio of the Western Police District said the Navotas-bound truck (PWJ-116) owned by Well Cargo Inc. had just crossed Del Pan Bridge and was on Radial Road 10 when the driver lost control of the vehicle and the truck began to zigzag near the Moriones Street intersection around 1:30 a.m.

Seconds later, the truck suddenly swerved to Mabuhay Street and slammed into the Familiar shanty.

"We thought there was an earthquake so we all rose," Michael Placia, a neighbor of the Familiars, told investigators. "There was a very loud crash, then we heard screams and wailing."

The victims were all sound asleep in their one-room residence when the tragedy struck, police said.

Neighbors quickly responded to the scene, pulled out the mother and her children from the wreckage of their house and took them to the hospital.

The driver of the truck, who faces charges of reckless imprudence resulting in serious physical injuries and destruction of property, fled, police said.

SPO3 Estomaquio said the driver could be Leonardo Rodriguez, the name written on an identification card found hanging from the truck's rear-view mirror.

It's in the bag for this hardy mountain climber

BY MARINEL R. CRUZ

THE first time Bobby Relos carried a backpack up a mountain, he was not satisfied with the bag so he decided to sew a sturdier one for himself. Relos, who has been a mountain climber for 21 years now, hasn't stopped sewing bags since.

TALES OF THE CITY

The 31-year-old Relos, who took up electrical engineering, and nine other mountain-climbing enthusiasts formed the Mapua Mountaineering Club in 1990.

"I was looking for a club to join in Mapua," he recalls. "I asked around and my classmates referred me to a group that was also interested in climbing. All 10 of us formed the club."

He noticed that the bags he and his teammates used were almost always breaking at their stress points—the seams of a bag's shoulder and hip straps and the stitch line that joins the foam to the fabric of the straps. So he thought of sewing a bag for himself.

Little did he know that this would eventually help him go through college and raise a family.

IT'S IN THE BAG/ A20

School officials back calls for optional ROTC

BY NESTOR BURGOS JR.
PDI Visayas Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Administrators of Catholic colleges and universities in the country are supporting calls for optional enrollment in the Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

"The students should have the option whether to enroll in the program or not," said Rev. Fr. Roderick Salazar SVD, national president of the College Educators Association of the Philippines (CEAP).

Salazar, who spoke before a congress of Catholic educators on Friday, told the INQUIRER that CEAP is supporting calls for private schools

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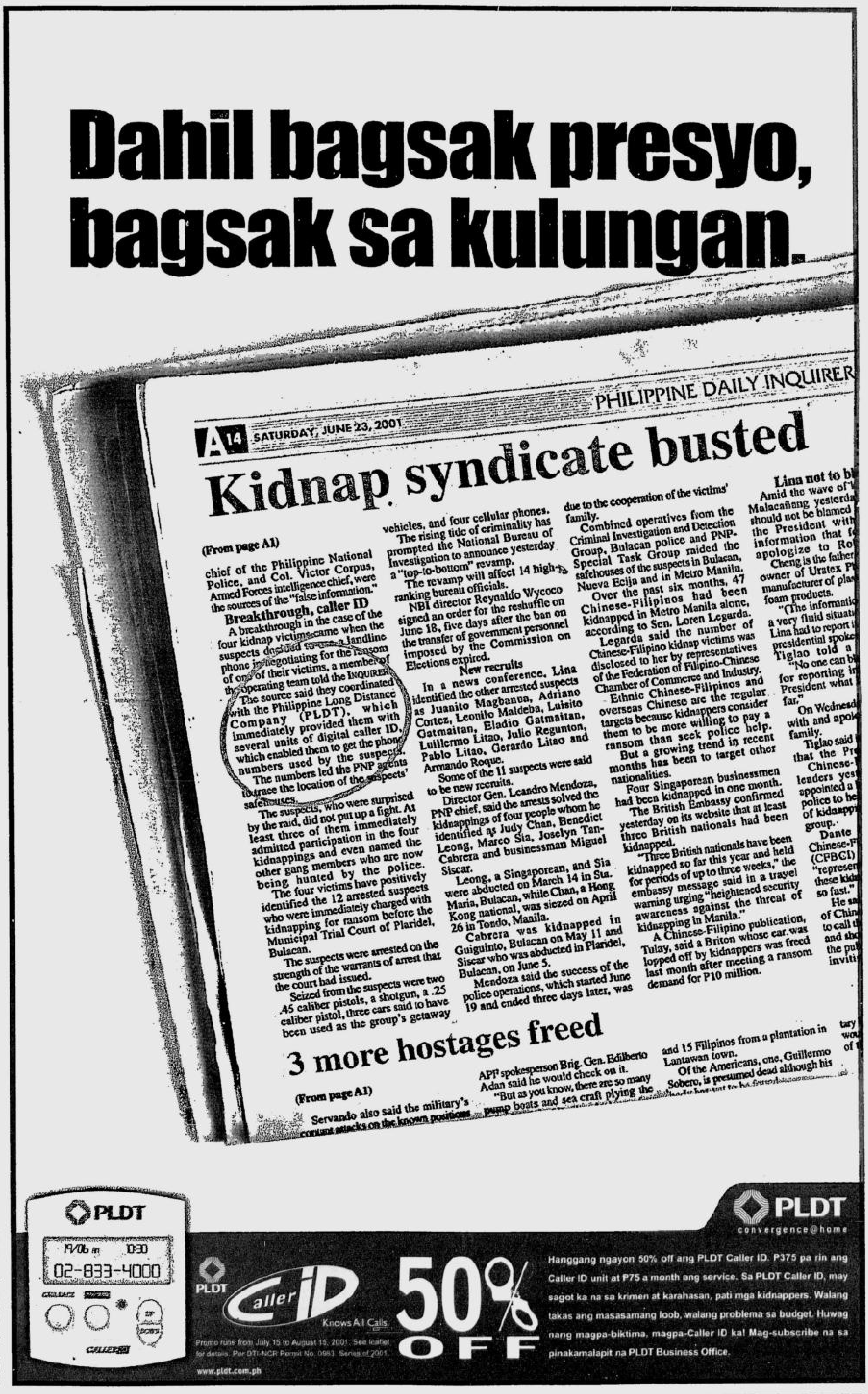

Dahil bagsak presyo, bagsak sa kulungan.

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Kidnap syndicate busted

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chief of the Philippine National Police, and Col. Victor Corpus, Armed Forces intelligence chief, were the sources of the "false information."

Breakthrough, caller ID

A breakthrough in the case of the four kidnap victims came when the suspects decided to use a landline phone in negotiating for the ransom of one of their victims, a member of the operating team told the INQUIRER.

The source said they coordinated with the Philippine Long Distance Company (PLDT), which immediately provided them with several units of digital caller ID, which enabled them to get the phone numbers used by the suspects.

The numbers led the PNP agents to trace the location of the suspects' safehouses.

The suspects, who were surprised by the raid, did not put up a fight. At least three of them immediately admitted participation in the four kidnappings and even named the other gang members who are now being hunted by the police.

The four victims have positively identified the 12 arrested suspects who were immediately charged with kidnapping for ransom before the Municipal Trial Court of Plaridel, Bulacan.

The suspects were arrested on the strength of the warrants of arrest that the court had issued.

Seized from the suspects were two .45 caliber pistols, a shotgun, a .25 caliber pistol, three cars said to have been used as the group's getaway vehicles, and four cellular phones.

The rising tide of criminality has prompted the National Bureau of Investigation to announce yesterday a "top-to-bottom" revamp.

The revamp will affect 14 high-ranking bureau officials.

NBI director Reynaldo Wycoco signed an order for the reshuffle on June 18, five days after the ban on the transfer of government personnel imposed by the Commission on Elections expired.

New recruits

In a news conference, Lina identified the other arrested suspects as Juanito Magbanua, Adriano Cortez, Leonilo Maldeba, Luisito Gatmaitan, Eladio Gatmaitan, Luillermo Litao, Julio Reguntion, Pablo Litao, Gerardo Litao and Armando Roque.

Some of the 11 suspects were said to be new recruits.

Director Gen. Leandro Mendoza, PNP chief, said the arrests solved the kidnappings of four people whom he identified as Judy Chan, Benedict Leong, Marco Sia, Joselyn Tan-Cabrera and businessman Miguel Siscar.

Leong, a Singaporean, and Sia were abducted on March 14 in Sta. Maria, Bulacan, while Chan, a Hong Kong national, was siezed on April 26 in Tondo, Manila.

Cabrera was kidnapped in Guiguinto, Bulacan on May 11 and Siscar who was abducted in Plaridel, Bulacan, on June 5.

Mendoza said the success of the police operations, which started June 19 and ended three days later, was due to the cooperation of the victims' family.

Combined operatives from the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, Bulacan police and PNP-Special Task Group raided the safehouses of the suspects in Bulacan, Nueva Ecija and in Metro Manila.

Over the past six months, 47 Chinese-Filipinos had been kidnapped in Metro Manila alone, according to Sen. Loren Legarda.

Legarda said the number of Chinese-Filipino kidnap victims was disclosed to her by representatives of the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Ethnic Chinese-Filipinos and overseas Chinese are the regular targets because kidnappers consider them to be more willing to pay a ransom than seek police help.

But a growing trend in recent months has been to target other nationalities.

Four Singaporean businessmen had been kidnapped in one month.

The British Embassy confirmed yesterday on its website that at least three British nationals had been kidnapped.

"Three British nationals have been kidnapped so far this year and held for periods of up to three weeks," the embassy message said in a travel warning urging "heightened security awareness against the threat of kidnapping in Manila."

A Chinese-Filipino publication, Tulay, said a Briton whose ear was lopped off by kidnappers was freed last month after meeting a ransom demand for P10 million.

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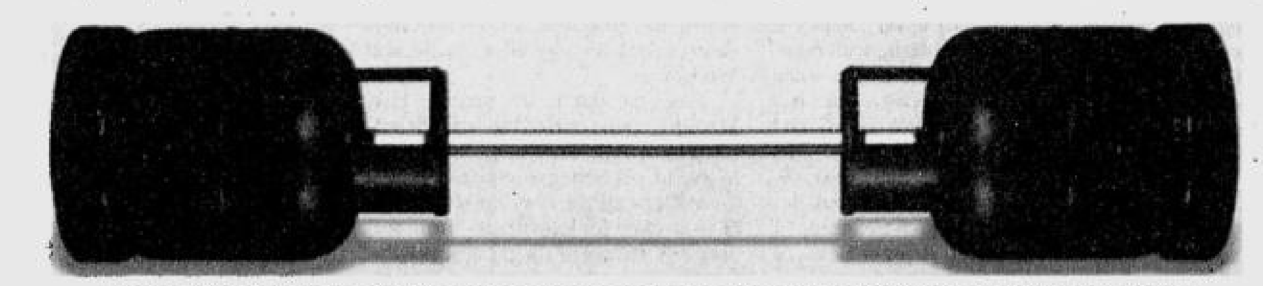

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TRINIDAD

Binay backs Trinidad call for mayors to have police control

MAKATI City Mayor Jejomar Binay yesterday expressed full support for Pasay City Mayor Wenceslao "Peewee" Trinidad's call for the return of the supervision and control of the police to the local chief executives.

"I note that there is already a clamor among many of our legislators and even within the PNP itself for the return of police control to local government executives," Binay wrote Trinidad. "Should you wish, I am also willing to ask our colleagues to rally behind you in this issue."

Tagaytag City Mayor Francis N. Tolentino, who is the newly elected president of the League of City Mayors, also called on the House of Representatives to immediately pass a law authorizing local chief executives to have direct supervision and control over the police.

Trinidad said the threat of peace and order breakdown in every community has reached an alarming level. He said this is because of dismal police action against the proliferation of drugs, banditry and other crimes.

The mayor also appealed to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to support the call of city mayors, saying her help could become the stepping-stone toward achieving better peace and order in every community in the country.

"I believe that it is better if the local chief executives are given the full authority to supervise and control police so they could be effective crime czars in their respective communities," Trinidad said.

Another issue that he wants resolved is the assignment of chiefs of police to every town and city. He said mayors must be given the right to select their own police chiefs.

Trinidad agreed with Binay that the selection of the chiefs of police must be left alone to the mayors.

The Pasay City mayor also urged the Church and civil society to support his call for the sake of improved peace and order.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, August 12, 2001
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: **Wis 18:6-9**

That night had been foretold to our fathers, and knowing in what promise they trusted, they could rejoice in all surety.

Your people waited for both the salvation of the just and the downfall of their enemies, for the very punishment of our enemies brought glory to the people you have called – that is, to us.

The holy race secretly offered the Passover sacrifice and really agreed on this worthy pact: that they would share alike both blessings and dangers. And forthwith they began to sing the hymns of their fathers.

2nd Reading: **Heb 11:1-2, 8-19**

Faith is the way of holding onto what we hope for, being certain of what we cannot see. Because of their faith our ancestors were approved.

It was by faith that Abraham, called by God, set out for a country that would be given to him as an inheritance; for he parted without knowing where he was going. By faith he lived as a stranger in that promised land. There he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, beneficiaries of the same promise. Indeed, he looked forward to that city of solid foundation of which God is the architect and builder.

By faith Sarah herself received power to become a mother, in spite of her advanced age; since she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful. Therefore, from an almost impotent man were born descendants as numerous as the stars of heavens, as many as the grains of sand on the seashore.

Death found all these people strong in their faith. They had not received what was promised, but they had looked ahead and had rejoiced in it from afar, saying that they were *foreigners and travelers* on earth. Those who speak in this way prove that they are looking for their own country. For if they had longed for the land they had left, it would have been easy for them to return, but no, they aspired to a better city, that is, a supernatural one; so God, who prepared the city for them is not ashamed of being called their God.

By faith Abraham went to offer Isaac when God tested him. And so he who had received the promise of God offered his only son although God had told him: *Isaac's descendants will bear your name.* Abraham reasoned that God is capable even of raising the dead, and he received back his son, which has a figurative meaning.

Gospel: **Lk 12:35-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Be ready, dressed for service, and keep your lamps lit, like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding. As soon as he comes and knocks, they will open to him. Happy are those servants whom the master finds wide-awake when he comes. Truly, I tell you, he will put on an apron and have them sit at table and he will wait on them. Happy are those servants if he finds them awake when he comes at midnight or daybreak!

Pay attention to this: If the master of the house had known at what time the thief would come, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect."

Commentary

The members of the Lukan community had a tendency to give so much attention to daily concerns that they ran the serious risk of losing the Christian perspective on life. The definition of life in terms of discipleship and work for the kingdom was in danger of being pushed to the periphery. Against this background we have to understand the message of today's reading. Luke's primary purpose is to restore the proper perspective of life as kingdom oriented. As Christians we have as our chief task to work for the kingdom. Luke is very realistic in this matter. Just as there is a system of retribution and sanction in our society, so the same is true for the reality of the kingdom.

We thank you Father for having chosen us to work for your kingdom. Grant that we may give this work due priority in our lives.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (EVIDENCE)—Child witness—A person is competent to be a witness if (a) he is capable of perceiving at the time of the occurrence of the fact and (b) he can make his perception known. The fact that the witness was only a child at the required inception of possession does not render him incompetent to testify on the matter. It is well-established that any child regardless of age, can be a competent witness if he can perceive, and perceiving can make known his perception to others and that he is capable to relating truthfully facts for which he is examined. The requirements of a child's competence as a witness are: (a) capacity of observation; (b) capacity of recollection; and (c) capacity of communication. There is no showing that as a child, claimant did not possess the foregoing qualifications. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Gonzagra-Reyes, Third Division, Republic v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 116372, January 18, 2001]

DIGEST BY R.B. VERA

2 women rescued from kidnappers

By ALCUIN PAPA

POLICE on Thursday rescued two female traders who were abducted in Pampanga last week.

Chief Supt. Nestorio Gualberto, director of the Philippine National Police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, also announced the arrest of three kidnappers.

Police rescued Hasmin Bongalarawan and Mona Pamanay, both traders and residents of Novaliches, Quezon City.

The suspects were identified as Jeffrey Paderon, 24, Ric Reyes, 36, and Cristy Gozon, 18.

The three were arrested in front of a fast food restaurant in Dau, Pampanga during the ransom pay-off.

Gualberto said Bongalarawan and Pamanay went to Mabalacat, Pampanga on Aug. 5 upon the invitation of Gozon, who was celebrating her 18th birthday.

Once there, the two women traders were seized by Paderon and Reyes at gunpoint, police said.

The victims were held inside a room of the Sunset Hotel in Dau, Mabalacat, for three days. They were instructed to contact their families and ask for P2 million in ransom.

On Wednesday, Bongalarawan convinced her abductors to allow her to go home so she could get the ransom money.

But instead of heading home, Bongalarawan went to the police and sought assistance. Police came up with a plan to trap the suspects and rescue Pamanay.

About 2 a.m. Thursday, the suspects met Bongalarawan in Dau, unaware that the police were lying in wait.

When Bongalarawan turned over the ransom and Pamanay was released, police came in and arrested the suspects.

Police seized from the suspects a Toyota Corolla (UTK-520), a 12-gauge shotgun, .22 caliber revolver, a PNP Community Network ID card and two cell phones.

When PNP chief Director Gen. Leandro Mendoza presented the suspects to reporters in Camp Crame on Friday, the two victims turned violent and lunged at their abductors.

BAG MAN Relos (center) and teammates finished a 35-km race in Subic, Zambales.

It's in the bag for this hardy . . .

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"I started sewing bags in 1991, a year after I started climbing," he says. "Once, I designed a bag and I had it sewn by somebody else, but my specifications were not followed. So I experimented."

His friends found that what he sewed were much more durable than the bags they had been using, and they asked him to make backpacks for them as well.

He sold his first bag for P1,200.

Why they're good

Soon, orders started to pour in. He had to hire people to sew the bags for him.

"*Noong una, ako lang ang gumagawa, 'pag sinipag at may oras ako*," he says. "My business started when I decided to hire sewers."

He now employs four full-time sewers each of whom makes an average of six bags a day. The bags come in three sizes-30 liters for P700; 65 liters for P1,600; and 75 liters for P1,800. A client can also bring his own design to Relos' shop.

Relos says his bags are good because he personally sees to it that the quality is maintained. The backpacks are all triple-stitched at their stress points, he says.

He claims he was the first to use the Codra, an imported high-density fabric that is more resistant to water and abrasions and is thicker than the material first used by other local manufacturers.

He sells his bags at Trek, a sports shop he owns which is located on Quirino Avenue in Manila. The store showcases his personally designed backpacks and different brands of tents, stoves, head lamps, cooking sets, ropes and other climbing equipment. The shop has a branch on Buendia Avenue in Makati.

Independence

Relos decided to put up his first store after joining a sports exhibit at the Glorietta in Makati six years ago.

The response, he says, was encouraging.

He admits he had to go through a lot just to get to where he is now. He was the only child in the family—he was the sixth of 10 children—who never finished college because he had to work full-time. When he was 21, he married Irene and they now have three children.

He says that since he was already married, his main concern was to earn because he felt he was being too dependent on his parents.

"Our parents were ordinary employees and most of us siblings had to have part-time jobs while studying," he says. "I didn't want to depend on them in taking care of my family."

In college, Relos used to earn money by helping out his older sister Cecile, who was then into notebooks production, by taking charge of the delivery of the notebooks to local bookstores.

After their father

Taking care of his family and the business has kept Relos from climbing as frequently as he used to but he has made sure that his children appreciate the sport as much as he does.

"I already took them climbing. The first time was at Mt. Banoy in Batangas. They are showing a lot of interest in climbing."

Relos is also currently into adventure racing, a multi-event endurance competition that requires trekking, trail and road running, biking, swimming, banca paddling and kayaking.

A race, which usually requires a team of three to five people, often lasts from several hours to several days and covers more than over 100 miles or more.

He and his friends are preparing for an adventure race in Benguet on Sept. 16.

FAMILY THAT STAYS TOGETHER
A family, including children, takes shelter from a sudden rain by huddling under a plastic sheet tied to a coconut tree along the breakwater on Roxas Boulevard. JESS YUSON

Atienza dreams of 'progressive' Manila

By JEROME ANING

DURING Manila's founding anniversary last year, then President Estrada told city officials and residents that he wanted Mayor Lito Atienza's "Buhayin natin ang Maynila (Let us revive Manila)" slogan translated soon—through both words and deeds—to "Buhay na ang Maynila (Manila is alive)."

The disgraced president's words were recalled to mind yesterday, Atienza's 60th birthday, during which the mayor could only dream for "a Manila that is progressive, vibrant and colorful."

"I am leaving the old age of my youth and beginning the youth of my old age," the mayor said after a thanksgiving Mass at the Bonifacio Shrine near City Hall, which was attended by family members and city government official and employees.

"I don't have anything to wish for myself, but I would be very happy if you could continue working with me in restoring Manila's pre-eminent position as the most progressive city in Asia and transforming it into a truly world-class city," he said.

The mayor, who was dressed in formal *barong* and not in his trademark floral shirts, assisted in the consecration of the city to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, of which Atienza is an ardent devotee.

The city chief executive was also enthroned as "Royal Sultan of Manila" by the Muslim royal family of the Lanao provinces. The honorific title recalls to mind Rajah Sulayman, the last ruler Muslim kingdom of Maynilad which was conquered by the Spaniards in the 16th century.

Manila lost its so-called "old glory" during the economic and moral crises that plagued the city after the Second World War.

From the Far East's premier city, Manila became one of the world's polluted cities and most dangerous places to live in, according to statistics.

Mayors all the way up to Atienza have worked for its revival—from ridding city streets of illegal obstructions to intensifying the anti-crime campaign, from padlocking sleazy nightspots to restoring old buildings.

But whether or not Manila's long-aspired transformation would be realized during Atienza's tenure remains to be seen.

Driver slain in bar brawl

DRIVER Felixberto Nogar, 33, was stabbed dead during a bar room brawl in Malabon Friday night.

Police, however, could not tell what started the fight. Nogar and his unidentified assailant were quarreling in Waray, the dialect used in Leyte and Samar. No one among the bar's patrons could understand what they were saying.

Nogar, of 130 Celia St., Bayanbayanan, Malabon, died on the spot when the unidentified suspect stabbed him in the face and chest, said Edelfonso Orig, of the Malabon police station.

The victim was having a drink with his friend Rafael Perez, 32, inside Sunga Store on Flores Street, Barangay Flores, Malabon around 10:30 p.m. when the stabbing incident happened, Orig said.

The suspect was drinking alone on a table across the victim's.

Orig said a heated argument in Waray suddenly erupted between Nogar and the suspect.

Soon, Nogar and the suspect were throwing beer bottles at each other. But Perez and the bar employees were able to pacify the two men, Orig added.

The suspect left the store after paying his bill. Minutes later, he returned armed with a fan knife, Orig said.

Philip C. Tubeza

School officials . . .

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to have the option to offer the 66-year-old military training program.

CEAP has 1,200 member schools nationwide.

Salazar said state colleges and universities should offer the ROTC program on an optional basis.

"Under this set-up, students in private schools who want to enroll in the ROTC could cross-enroll in public schools," said Salazar, who is also assistant for alumni and external affairs of the president of the University of San Carlos in Cebu.

He refuted statements from defenders of the program that the abolition of the ROTC would affect the development of a sense of nationalism among the youth.

"That's too much," he said. "We know we can love our country even without taking the course."

Nationwide protests have erupted since last month as student groups and ROTC cadets who consider the program repressive and a waste of time held rallies and boycotted their ROTC classes.

Commission on Education (CHEd) chair Ester Garcia and Education Secretary Raul Roco have also declared support for an optional ROTC program.

Rex Casiple, of the CHEd regional office in Western Visayas and in charge of the implementation of the ROTC, said the commission would soon release a memorandum stopping the implementation of the military training component of the program.

"The ROTC enrollees will instead be required to either enroll in the Law Enforcement System (LES) or the Civic Welfare System (CWS)," Casiple said.

Abolish!, a network of student and youth groups calling for the abolition of the ROTC, said ROTC officers are being used to suppress the anti-ROTC protest actions. It cited the violent dispersal of protesters at the University of Iloilo early this month.

"The violent reactions of ROTC officers and some school officials have clearly demonstrated why we want the abolition of this program," said Ric Juntarciego, spokesperson of Anakbayan in Iloilo. Salazar of CEAP also urged openness in handling the protest actions of students.

Army Maj. John Tarrosa of the 6th Regional Community Defense Center said they would not stop ROTC cadets from joining protest actions, but he frowned on students walking out of their ROTC classes.

"We cannot allow cadets to walk out during formation because they are our responsibility," he said.

Tarrosa, who supervises around 6,000 Army ROTC cadets in the city and the province of Iloilo, also advised protesting cadets to wait until the law legalizing the ROTC is amended or repealed.

Maynilad shuts down illegal connections

MORE than 500 illegal water connections were discovered and closed by the Non-Revenue Water Task Force of Maynilad Water Services Inc. over the last six months as part of continuing campaign to reduce water thievery and other illegal acts in the West Zone concession.

The campaign also resulted in the arrest of six people allegedly engaged in water theft and the payment of more than P4 million representing under-collections.

NRW Task Force chief Gerardo Pilapil said that as a result of the campaign, more than 50 cases of violation of Republic Act No. 8041, or the National Water Crisis Act of 1995, are currently being tried in various courts in Metro Manila.

Pilapil said the campaign has contributed to the reduction of Maynilad's NRW rate from 67 percent to its current level of 63 percent.

Among those arrested by the NRW Task Force was Steve Aris of Valenzuela and Jaime Mendoza and Jovane Guanzon of Blumentritt, Manila.

Aris, the owner of Antoinette Townhouse in Pasong Balite, San Miguel Heights, Marulas, was arrested on July 2 with a search warrant issued by Judge Winlove Dumayas of the Valenzuela Metropolitan Trial Court Branch 81.

Aris was found to have been drawing water from an illegal water service connection and distributing this to 30 families living in the Antoinette Townhouse.

Before Maynilad took over the operations of the West Zone, Arias had been found to have an illegal water connection. However, attempts by MWSS personnel to cut this was thwarted by Aris, who threatened them with harm if they touched the pipeline leading to his house.

Based on Maynilad's computation, Aris was able to steal around P100,000 worth of water before the closure of his illegal water connection.

Mendoza and Guanzon were arrested while attempting to extort money from a businesswoman in Quezon City. While posing as Maynilad employees, the two reportedly would talk to prospective clients and offer to facilitate the installation of their water service connection.

Another suspected water thief, Mario Echipare, was arrested by the task force in January after agents confirmed that he was stealing water while operating a water selling business at the corner of R10 and Capulong Street in Tondo.

Pilapil said Echipare was able to steal an estimated P500,000 worth of water.

JESS YUSON

ONE LEG, TWO WHEELS

An artificial leg did not stop Pilipino Policarpio from making a quick getaway whenever he snatched cell phones, thanks to a bicycle. Policemen with two good legs, however, were faster; they caught Policarpio after he grabbed another phone on España in Manila.

'Serenader' moonlights as cell phone snatcher

THE MUSIC was sweet, but the song was incomplete, because the singer was arrested by police for stealing mobile phones.

Rodolfo Dato, 40, of San Miguel Street in Tondo, Manila, was yesterday arrested by Mandaluyong police for taking off with the 5110 cell phone of a researcher.

Dato was part of group that serenaded houses in Barangka and then preyed on mobile phones and other valuables that could be had inside the house.

Police said Dato was nabbed after neighbors of victim Howell Encarnacion chased him down the street of Countryside Estate in Barangka, Barangay Ibaba.

In his report, PO1 Romarico Sta. Maria said Dato and four others were serenading the house of Encarnacion, 25, yesterday morning when the suspects grabbed his cell phone.

Encarnacion had gone inside the house to get some money for the music group when the suspects took off with his cell phone, which was left on a table outside.

The victim caused a commotion, which prompted his neighbors to run after the men. Only Dato was arrested while his companions escaped.

Blanche S. Rivera

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LIFE INSIDE

Scores of inmates sleep on the floor, against the wall and in makeshift hammocks inside a cell originally meant to hold only half their present number, at the Central Police District Station 10 in Quezon City.

Prosecute those who sell public school textbooks on Recto—Senator Oreta

SEN. Teresa Aquino-Oreta has expressed alarm over reports that public school textbooks are being sold by Metro Manila vendors, leading her to suspect certain government personnel are dealing with syndicates behind this anomalous activity.

She urged law enforcement agencies like the Philippine National Police and the National Bureau of Investigation, to look into these reports.

She also filed a resolution asking the Senate to conduct an inquiry into the illegal sale of the textbooks, which are government property.

The senator has received information that textbooks supposedly distributed by DECS to public schools are winding up on the sidewalks of Recto in Manila.

"We have received a number of complaints from parents asking why there were no textbooks in the schools and yet many of them could be found in Recto," Oreta said.

Complainant Cristy Natividad wrote to Oreta, saying she was surprised to find most of her children's textbooks were sold in Recto.

"Teachers always tell us there are not enough textbooks for all the pupils," Natividad said. "We either photocopy a book or go to Recto and buy one."

Natividad said she was forced to buy four textbooks for P500 for her Grade 1 daughter. They are "Math for Today's Children" (by Maura G. Tangco and Dalisay T. Villaluz), "Uliran 1" (by Paz N. Nicasio), "Huwaran Ka Batang Pilipino 1" (Edita G. Olaes and Cristeta D. Ramirez) and "Pilipino sa Ugali at Asal."

She said most of the textbooks being sold were marked: "Property of the government; not for sale."

She said in some textbooks, the markings were erased, while a number of books on sale were obviously brand-new. The price of brand-new textbooks ranges from P120 to P150, while secondhand books are sold for less than P100.

"Some even had the Philippine centennial logo," Natividad said.

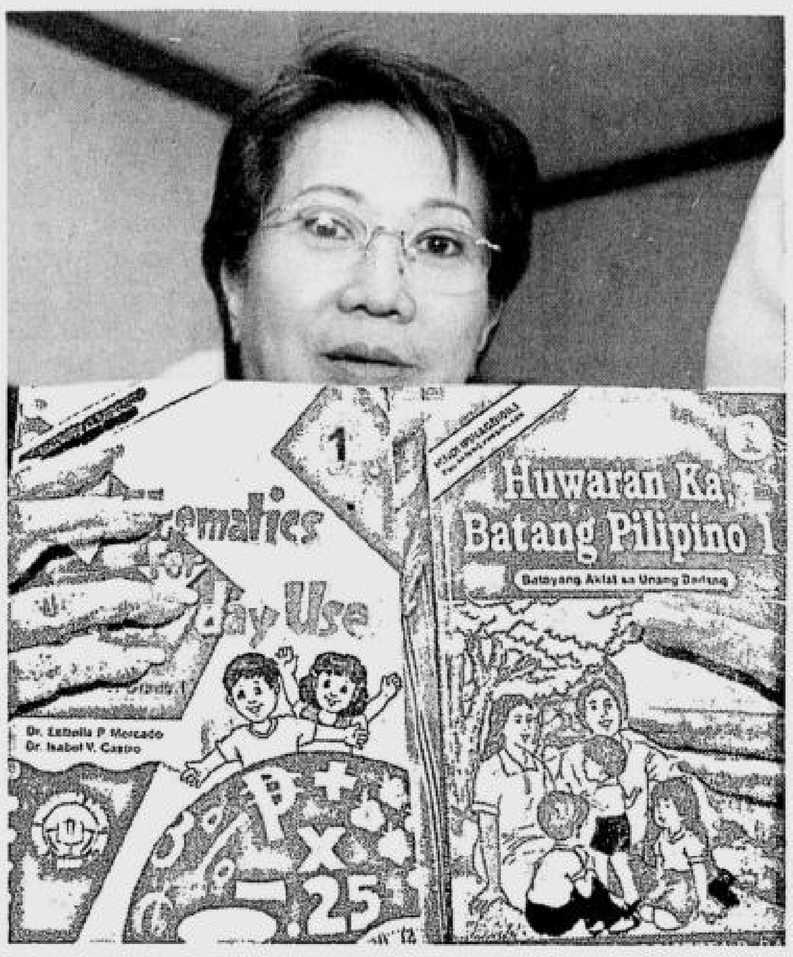
On Friday, the senator personally went to Recto to verify the reports. She confirmed that vendors were peddling public elementary and high school textbooks.

Oreta, former chair of the Senate committee on education culture and the arts, urged authorities to probe deeper into the anomaly, warning this might be one of the biggest sources of corruption at DECS.

"This is very disturbing," she said. "These unscrupulous people are victimizing thousands of parents and schoolchildren. They should be unmasked, prosecuted, and put behind bars."

These textbooks, she explained, would not have found their way to Recto without the connivance of some government personnel.

She said government has been spending millions of pesos for textbooks alone, and yet the problem of shortage never seems to be resolved.



READ MY LIPS: Get them, Senator Oreta says of vendors who sell the government-issue books.

JESS YUSON

Last year, the budget for textbooks amounted to more than half a billion pesos, she said.

DECS officials led by Secretary Raul Roco have announced their target of a one textbook-to-one student ratio in core subjects as an initial move to raise the quality of education in the country.

But the senator said government should first resolve this problem in the procurement policies for textbooks so that public funds would not go to waste.

Aside from Natividad's letter, the senator also received complaints from parents in her weekly radio program "Usapang Tao sa RMN" aired every Sunday from 7 to 8 a.m.

A Mrs. Nieva of Valenzuela, Metro Manila told Senator Oreta that a public high school in Marulas has been selling English textbooks to students for P135 per copy.

Four students injured in Laguna protest

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FOUR protesting students of the University of Perpetual Help Rizal in Calamba, Laguna were hurt during a violent dispersal of a rally on Friday.

Gerald Sumilang, Abraham Brizuela, Loeivie Terible and Liezel Lirio were injured when school security guards dispersed the protesters, according to the Students Alliance for Democracy (STAND-UPHR).

Also, some 20 other students were "almost run over by the university truck," the STAND-UPHR said in a report.

The four injured students were hospitalized after the guards pounced on them with nightsticks and stones.

Jinnia Malabanan, STAND spokesperson, said Brizuela was hit in the head by stones allegedly thrown by security guards.

It took six stitches to close the wound in her head, Malabanan said. Sumilang sustained a wound in the eyebrow, while stones hit Terible, Lirio and Malabanan herself.

Malabanan also claimed that one of those who were almost hit by truck was a certain Ana Marie, whose foot was caught under the tire and was dragged by the truck for several meters.

School authorities denied the allegation that they tried to hurt the students, saying the truck merely lost its breaks. But the students claimed the vehicle gained more speed as it approached the picket line.

University officials also denied that a violent dispersal has occurred.

One official said the students had exaggerated the facts to make it appear they were being unjustly treated.

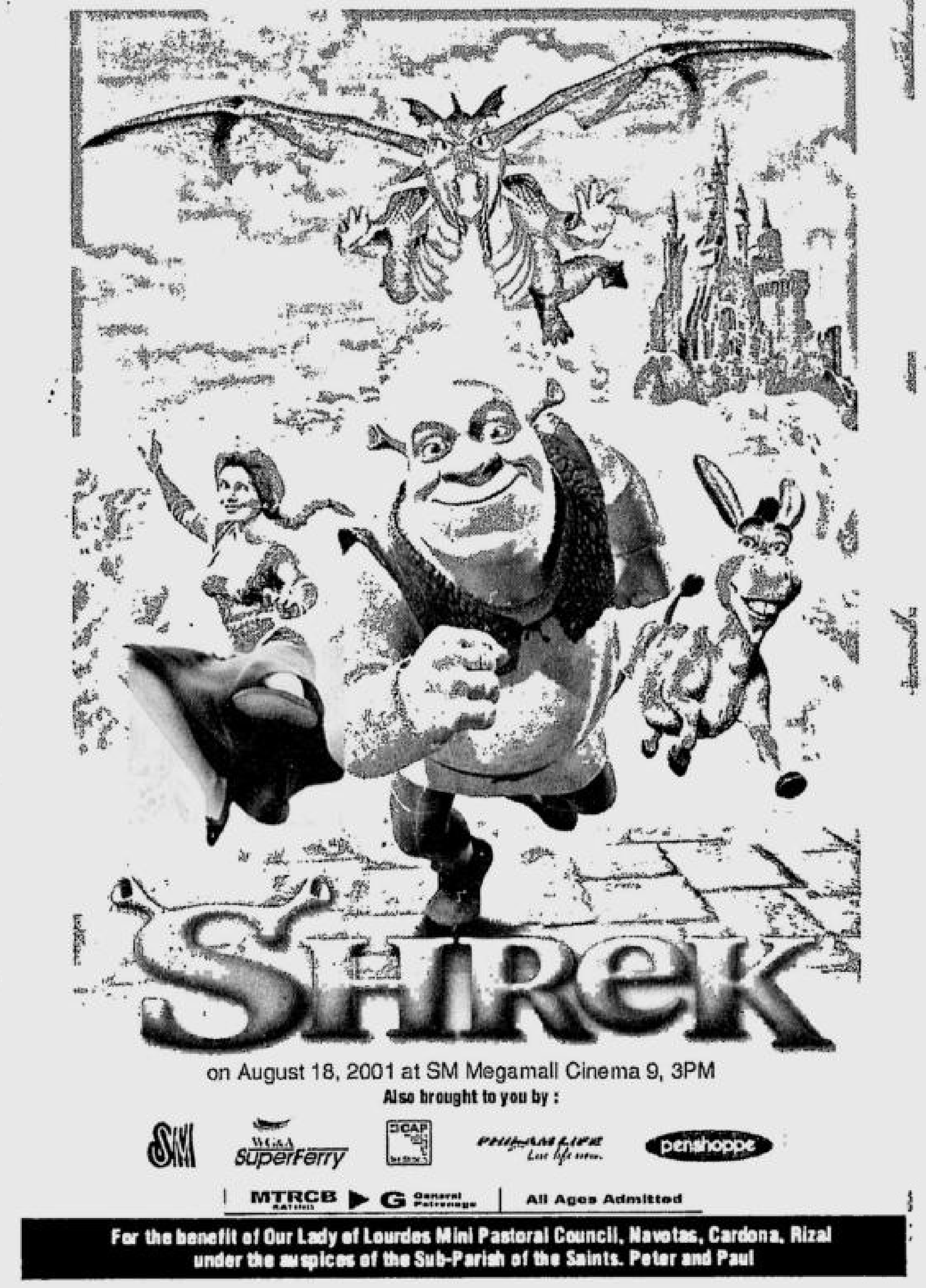
The students were protesting against alleged school policies such as an increase in tuition fees, collection of P2,500 for the Students' Development Fund and P50 in publication fee which were imposed without prior consultation, and the addition of subjects to the regular curriculum which entailed additional fees.

A personnel department officer of the Biñan University of Perpetual Help, who requested anonymity, said she did not know of any increase in the university system and that if there was any increase, it would surely have the approval of CHED.

"All increases in tuition or other fees in the university are always based on what are legally approved by the government," the personnel officer said.

The students also complained how the facilities of the university have not improved. They also alleged that their teachers were often changed because most were hired on a contractual basis, causing disruption in their classes.

The students promised to go back to the picket line on Monday.



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Agassi has been chosen for the category for elevating the art of product endorsement to a higher level.

To date, the 21-year-old actor-rapper-TV host has appeared in more than 50 TV commercials and print advertising campaigns—indeed a tough act to follow.

Agassi serves as an inspiration for the winners to achieve the same, if not exceed, his shining examples. He is also a much-sought-after host in corporate shows and special events.

Last year's awardee was Ryan Agoncillo.

Carlos will receive his award during the finals of this year's hunt for the country's 10 most refreshing faces and personalities in the world of advertising for TV and print ads on Aug. 15 at the Onstage Theater, Greenbelt, Makati City. Concept and direction by Tim Muñoz; Rapi Revilla is the executive producer; Tom Adrales is founding chair and executive director; Resty Vergara is PR Consultant; Rikki Climaco, marketing director; Wheyee Lozada, marketing assistant; Bong Lozano, set designer; and Joey Villadolid of Retratto, official photographer. Fashion designers are Boying Eustaquio and Lloyd Arceo.

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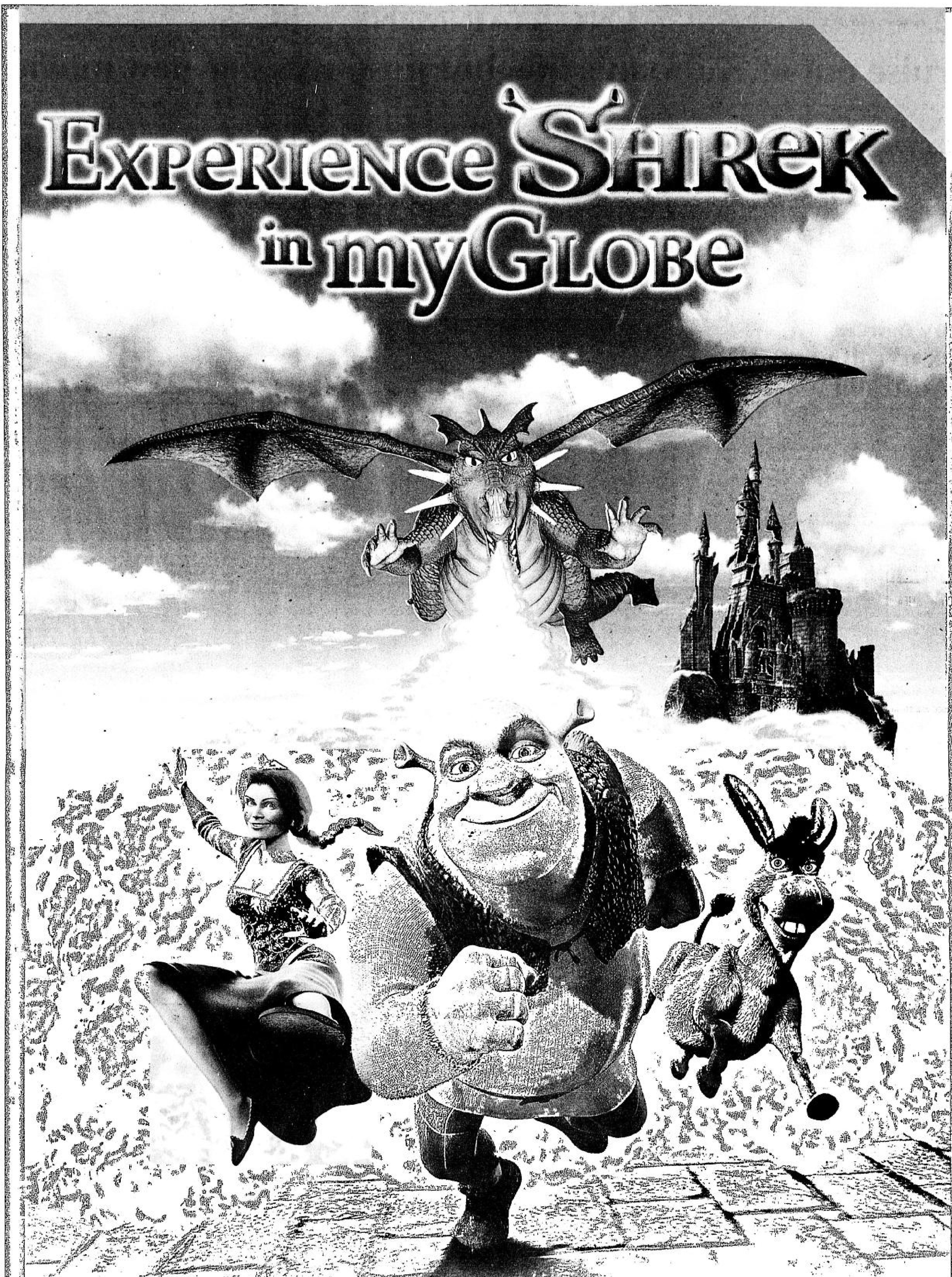

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Cruise out of Kidman's life, but produces her new movie

NEW YORK—Nicole Kidman's divorce from Tom Cruise after nearly a decade of marriage has been a hotter topic of discussion in recent months than her new movie, "The Others," but that should change soon.

Kidman is at her icy best in this psychological thriller, showing the kind of silent inner fear that first brought her attention outside her native Australia in 1989's "Dead Calm."

And under the sure, restrained hand of writer-director Alejandro Amenabar, "The Others" is an old-school haunted house movie of the eeriest kind.

Kidman stars as Grace, the mother of two young children living in a rambling Victorian mansion on the Isle of Jersey during the last days of World War II. She's sure her husband will return from the war any day now and she keeps telling her kids that as she tries to convince herself.

Grace has some unusual ways of keeping the children, Anne and Nicholas (Alakina Mann and James Bentley), occupied while they wait for daddy to come home. Because the children are violently allergic to daylight, she keeps them shut indoors all day with the heavy curtains drawn, and methodically closes and locks the door behind her every time she enters a room to ensure that not a drop of sunshine drips in.

She educates them at home on the fundamentals and religion, sending them to separate rooms and threatening them with the fiery wrath of hell at the slightest outburst.

But she needs help caring for the enormous, stately home, and places a want ad for servants. Soon, a trio knocks on the mansion's thick wooden door.

Mrs. Mills (Fionnula Flanagan) is the nanny, Mr. Tuttle (Eric Sykes) the gardener and Lydia (Elaine Cassidy) the mute housekeeper. They seem warm, quiet, trustworthy. But they've returned to the house after working there many years ago, and they know all its secrets.

So when things start going bump in the night, not only are they not freaked out in the slightest, they expect it.

"The Others" works because Amenabar, with help from skilled cinematographer Javier Aguirresarobe, plays on our fear of the dark, of the unknown. He relies on spooky lighting and well-placed silences, not high-tech special effects.

And the casting of the children is perfect. Newcomers Mann and Bentley bicker believably, providing some comic relief. But when things get a little weird around the house, their faces—especially their eyes—add another layer of fear. Mann is exceptionally good as the headstrong older sister.

Kidman's control-freak mother couldn't be more different from her "Moulin Rouge" character, the sexy songstress Satine. But there's something in her crystal blue eyes that conveys pure terror so convincingly, it's impossible not to be drawn in.

Although Cruise is out of Kidman's life, he's involved with her movie as one of five executive producers. He also worked with Amenabar in adapting the Spanish director's 1999 thriller "Open Your Eyes" for American audiences as "Vanilla Sky," due out in December.

It's easy to see why Cruise is drawn to this director. He's a natural storyteller with a keen eye for detail and mood.

While Amenabar isn't doing anything terribly new with "The Others," he's doing it well. And there is a twist, and you won't see it coming.

"The Others" is a Dimension Films release. *AP*

Crowe kicks off rock n' roll tour in Australia

SYDNEY, Australia—He's a sell out in New York and a hit in Los Angeles, but Oscar winner and part-time musician Russell Crowe isn't too big to support his home town bar in Australia.

"Gladiator" star Crowe's rock and roll band, Thirty Odd Foot of Grunts (TOFOG), started a sell out American tour this week.

But Crowe decided to launch the tour with a single Australian performance at his local bar in Coffs Harbour, a coastal resort town 580 km north of Sydney, best known as capital of the nation's banana-growing industry.

Crowe called the owners of the Coffs Harbour Hotel last weekend with an offer too good to refuse.

"He said: 'I want to do you a favor . . . I want to play the band there instead of in Sydney," said hotel partner Ray Alaban said.

Crowe owns a ranch in the hills outside Coffs Harbour.

The hotel had 1,000 tickets for the Sunday night show priced at $5.10 each. They were sold in hours.

After the performance, the band will fly to Austin, Texas for the start of a 14-stop North American tour. *AP*

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Will Cogie. . .

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Best new artist

CONGRATULATIONS to **Karylle, Zsa Zsa Padilla**'s 18-year-old daughter who bagged the best new artist plum in the 14th Aliw Awards, held Tuesday night at the Westin Philippine Plaza ballroom.

Karylle won for her debut album, "Time to Shine," under MCA Universal Records.

Karylle continues to promote her album through a series of mall shows. She is set to perform at SM North Edsa on Sept. 1.

Karylle will also co-host GMA 7's Sunday noontime show, "SOP," the whole month of August.

Bigger things are in store for Karylle this year, says her talent manager, **Ronnie Henares.**

Sharon on the net

A NUMBER of Internet readers based abroad who are fans of **Sharon Cuneta** sent us e-mail messages to inquire how they can get a copy of the megastar's latest album, "Nothing I Want More," under Viva Records (Showbiz Tidbits – 07/27/01).

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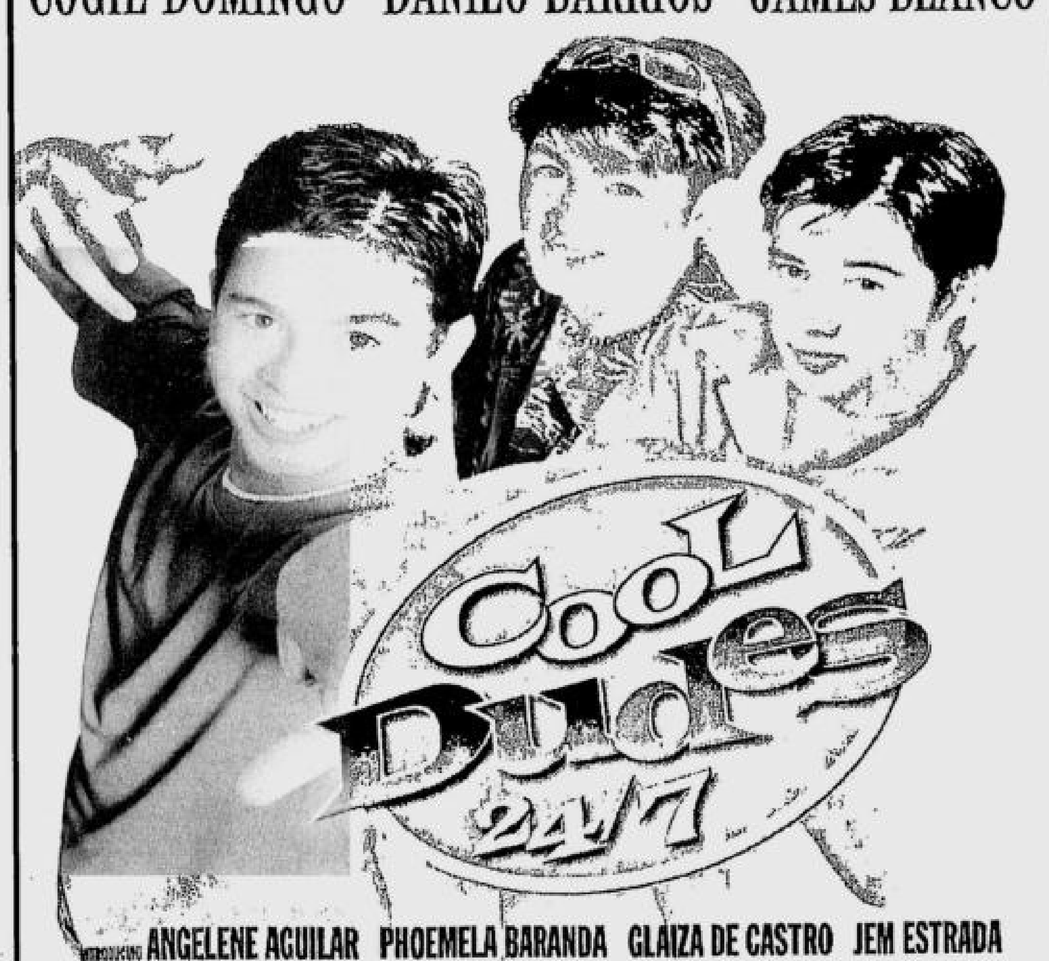

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Hot chicks, cool dudes

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

AS movie producers try to second-guess what the "new" film audience is looking for by way of innovative screen performance, a number of them find themselves shining up old formats and trying to pass them off as new.

For instance, sexy movies continue to be produced, except that they are no longer the quickie cheapies productions of old. They are now glossy productions with more eventful plots and textured characters.

The biggest change is the fact that they now star heretofore "sweet" teen actresses who have decided to go bold to energize their flagging film careers.

The latest exponent of this radical change of image is **Assunta de Rossi**, whose bold starrer, "Red Diaries" has hit it big at the box office. Other nubile beauties have gone the same sexy route, with much less success. Assunta has fared better because she's more beautiful than they are, thus making her "unveiling" in "Red Diaries" more of a turn-on than usual.

Trouble is, local film voyeurs aren't happy with the status quo, and keep asking for more. So, if Assunta bared her breasts in "Red Diaries," they'll want to see more in her next starrer.

If she doesn't deliver, they will feel shortchanged. Worse, if she bares more, they'll continue to make more demands, until she'll have nothing more to show!

Then, producers will have to trot out a new nymphet, who will first go only topless, before going the way of all screen flesh—and flash—in her subsequent film outings.

Instructively enough, as young female starlets are forced to bare themselves to achieve stardom, male starlets get to keep their clothes on. The launching format of choice for them is the 2001 version of the "Bagets" smorgasbord talent showcase that made a star out of the teenage **Aga Muhlach** decades ago.

Some years ago, the format was brushed up to create a stir for "Guwapings" like **Mark Anthony Fernandez**. And this year, it has been reworked once more into the launching showcase for the "Cool Dudes"—**James Blanco, Cogie Domingo** and **Danilo Barrios**.

Like the successful "Bagets" stars, "Cool Dudes" pushes its three new stars in "boy-next-door" roles, the better to appeal to the female adolescents and teenagers who are their launching film's intended audience.

Thus, while promoting their film, all three cool dudes are acting as frisky as puppies, smiling toothpaste-commercial smiles for all they're worth, and being as acutely cute as cute can be.

Which cool dude will come across best in the film? Some movie veterans are betting on Danilo Barrios, who's a dancer aside from being a looker. But the teen audience will have the shrieking last say, of course.

So, whether it be hot chicks for the girls or cool dudes for the boys, new stars are being trotted out this month for the viewing public's instant delectation. Who do you think has what it takes to remain a star for more than just one season?

Feedback

FROM **Boy Blue P. Filomeno**, spokesperson of the Philippine Alliance Against Pornography: "The Philippine National Police should be consistent in its drive against pornography and violence in movies and on TV. The PNP should not only object to "Red Diaries" because its image is affected by the negative depiction of policemen in the movie. Rather, all porno and violent movies should be stopped because they badly affect society.

"The police should fully implement the Revised Penal code, which outlaws products containing excessive sex and violence, including porno CD tapes and scandalous tabloids and sexy magazines, which are blatantly sold on sidewalks. We cannot afford to be complacement in our drive versus obscenity . . ."

'Digital LG Quiz Show'

THE THIRD quarter finals of the "Digital LG Quiz Show" will be held at 10 a.m. today on Channel 7.

Four whiz kids fight it out for a slot in the grand finals: **Johnny Aguirre** of Divine Light Academy, Las Piñas; **Jennifer Magno** of Malate Catholic School; **Gerard Joseph Atlenza** of Mary Immaculate Parish Special School, Las Piñas; and **Sherry Lou Bernabe** of Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, Cabanatuan City.

Will Cogie be able to sustain his popularity?

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

HIS two other costars in "Cool Dudes" are far from feeling insecure, but **Cogie Domingo** appears to be the most popular among the all-male triumvirate being launched to stardom by Regal Entertainment.

In most of the trio's public appearances, Cogie easily upstages his two other costars—**Danilo Barrios** and **James Blanco**—without any effort. The fans swarm Cogie and he gets the loudest shrieks and screams, especially from the girls.

His height and good looks give Cogie the edge. The fact that he is the most senior among the three accounts for his new-found fame. But then, even if Cogie emerges as the most popular among the "Cool Dudes," that doesn't make Danilo and James any less of being big stars.

"Cool Dudes" reminds us of an earlier triumvirate, Guwapings, also launched by Regal. Among the Guwapings, it was **Mark Anthony Fernandez** who easily had a horde of fans because of his show biz lineage. Of course, all of us know he is the son of **Rudy Fernandez** and **Alma Moreno**, both big stars in their own right. But today, only **Jomari Yllana** is the most visible among the three, which includes **Eric Frustuoso**.

Cogie, who turns 16 on Aug. 15, has no superstar parents. Neither does he have a formidable show biz background. So his rise to fame can be attributed only to his own merits.

The lanky teenage actor has three movies to his credit and has worked with acting veterans. While most show biz newcomers start with light roles and graduate to more challenging young adult portrayals, the opposite happened to Cogie.

He started with serious dramas and gets to play a light role for the first time only now.

He played the brother of **Maricel Soriano** in the horror-thriller, "Sa Piling ng mga Aswang." He was the son of **Christopher de Leon** and **Lorna Tolentino** in "Yakapin Mo ang Umaga." He also pitted acting talents with **Eddie Garcia** in the action-drama, "Deathrow," which even earned for him acting citations.

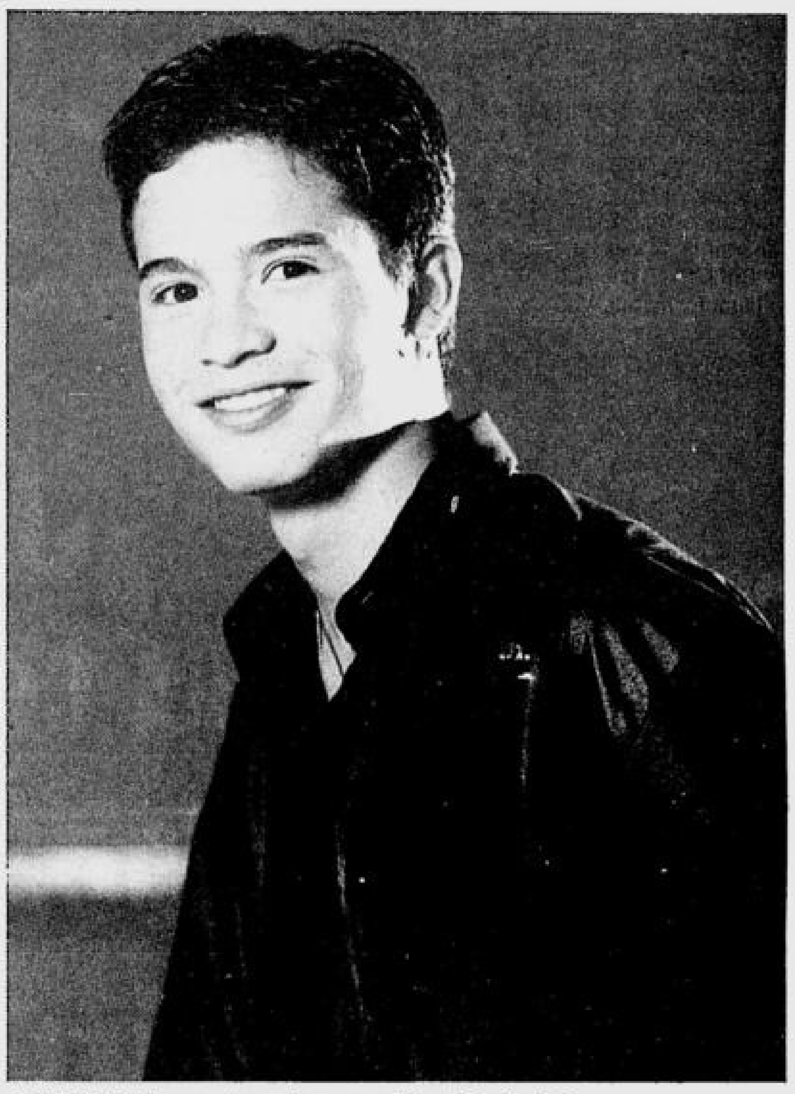
That's why Cogie counts "Cool Dudes" as a welcome change in his relatively young acting career.

"A number of people are surprised at the unusual career path I've chosen because I'm still a teenager and I opted for serious roles right away," Cogie grants. "But that didn't bother me at all. As long as I always come out with something new, that's what makes any role I play in a movie exciting."

The good thing about Cogie is that he welcomes challenges in his acting career. Who would have thought that a 15-year-old actor would agree to play a juvenile inmate in a prison drama which is what he did in "Deathrow."

This time, Cogie plays it cool. In "Cool Dudes," he is the average teenager who to loves to have fun and adventure, goes after girls and enjoys hanging out with his friends.

After "Cool Dudes," Cogie will star in a light drama vehicle, "Asa Ka Pa," opposite **Judy Ann Santos**.



DOMINGO. The most popular among "Cool Dudes" trio.

His film projects are part of his 16-picture contract with Regal for four years. There are more challenging parts being lined up for him in future films.

Cogie may be the most popular male young star today. He has everything going for him—talent, good looks, right breaks and the multi-million-peso publicity blitz both from his home studio and Penshoppe, the garment line he is now endorsing. But we trust that Cogie will be no flash-in-the-pan and will be able to sustain his popularity for a long time.

He should be aware that opportunity knocks only once, so he might as well take advantage of this time when the good breaks keep coming.

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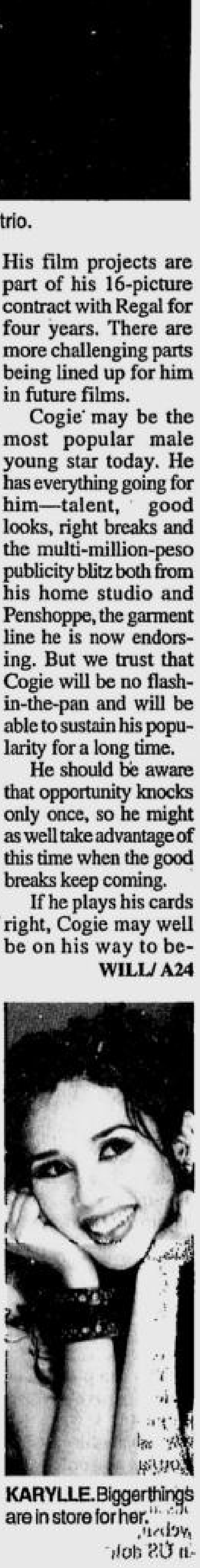

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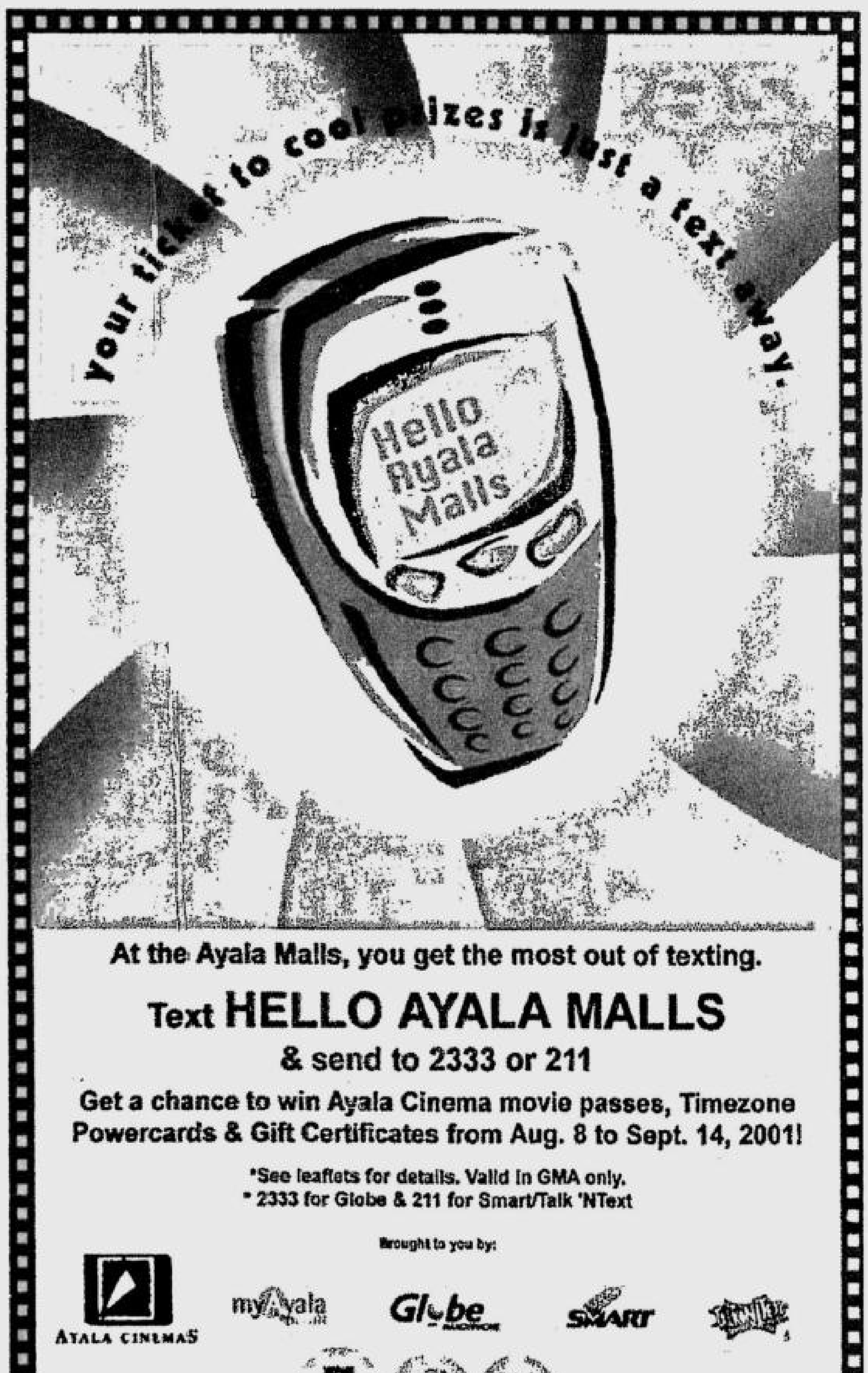

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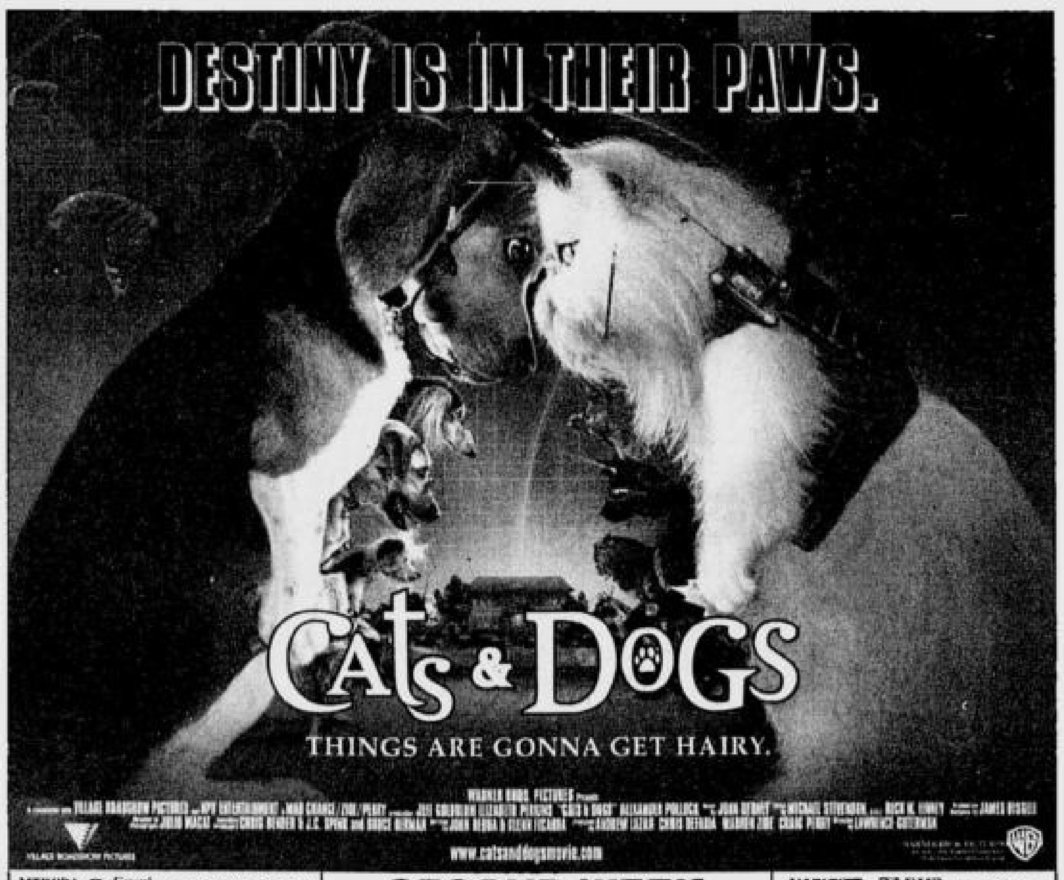

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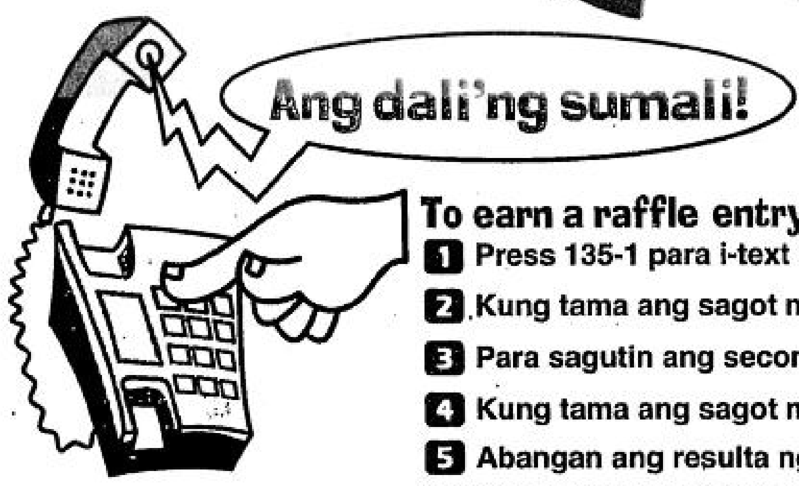
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In the '60s, lawyer's ₱150 paid for board and lodging

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

IT WAS the swinging '60s. A time when people lined up to swoon over James Dean, watch movies like "Gone With The Wind" and "An Affair to Remember." Most men and women knew how to dance the *cha cha*, the swing and the boogie and knew the lyrics to the songs of crooners like Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.

It was during this time that the 24-year-old Edilberto B. Bravo, a lawyer and founder of the Ubix Corp., joined the labor force, fresh from graduating with a law degree from the University of the Philippines.

FIRST JOB

He got P150 a month as part of the legal staff of Ponce Enrile, Siguion Reyna, Montecillo and Belo, one of the top four law firms at the time.

Young lawyer

It was a good starting pay considering that the minimum wage at the time was only P120 a month. Bravo tells the INQUIRER that the pay was good enough to pay for his board and lodging expenses at the YMCA in Arroceros, Manila, as well as his food. He relates that he used to pay only 80 centavos for a meal along Plaza Cervantes in Manila. A meal included soup, vegetable, viand and a cup of rice. For 10 centavos more, you could get extra rice.

"If it's a pay day and we had a little bit more money, we would go to Marquina Café along Escolta. It was one of the best Chinese places at the time and we could get lomi or pata tim with rice for between P1.20 and P1.50 an order," Bravo relates.

He adds that he used to spend only 10 centavos for his ride from Arroceros to Plaza Cervantes, which was then considered the business center. The big law firms and even Citibank and Ayala Corp. used to hold offices in that area.

He also paid his barber 50 centavos plus a 20-centavo tip per haircut.

Bravo had fun working during those times, trying his hand at trial work and writing briefs. He felt he was finally living up his dream to be a lawyer. He was pursuing his dream together with other young lawyers such as Edgardo J. Angara who later founded the prestigious Accra law office.

Change careers

Bravo says he was happy in his job as an assistant attorney at the Siguion Reyna law office. After three years with the law firm, he was already starting to make a name for himself as a trial lawyer when he got a call from a friend, Ramon S. Orosa, whose father founded Philippine Commercial International Bank.

He told him about the executive program of Citibank.

"He knew me because I did the legal briefs for Citibank in behalf of Siguion Reyna. He told me about the executive program and I got interested because the job would pay me P1,000, which was much more than the P525 I was getting from Siguion Reyna," Bravo says.

BRAVO's babies in 1978. His wife Fel, daughter Maianne and son Enrique.

He was not really excited about the program but the chance to earn almost double was appealing. It also meant a lot to his family.

Bravo came from a family of modest means in Roxas City, Capiz. His father was an English teacher, who taught at the Capiz High School for 33 years. His mother was a nurse who traveled from barangay to barangay. Bravo was the eldest of five children.

"The pay offer was good and I also thought that I stood a better chance of being promoted if I worked for an American company, compared with the law firm. I thought Citibank would be more democratic since it was an American firm," Bravo says.

Lawyer to banker

He left Siguion Reyna on July 27,1964 and went on the nine-month executive program. A classmate was Jose Facundo, who later became president of Citytrust Bank and now managing director of the Ayala Corp.

"I enjoyed my work at Citibank. I got the chance to travel to India where I helped set up the personal lending program and then to Clark Field in Pampanga," he says.

It was also during his stint at Citibank that he got married to the former Fel Aldecoa, whom he first met in Dumaguete when he was still a lawyer.

He did not stay long with Citibank, however, as Bravo discovered that he was a restless soul. His excitement over a new job would wane after a while. So after exactly five years in Citibank, he left on July 27, 1969 to work full time in his own business, which he put up in February of that year with his wife.

"I thought that five years in the same job was enough so I thought of putting up my own business," Bravo says.

Their first business was Book Haven, a bookstore in Mabini, with six employees—Bravo, his wife, an accountant, helper, paper cutter and a driver.

Book Haven sold books but it was in supplying copier paper to Fuji Xerox that the Bravos hit the jackpot. From sales of only 200 reams a month, the orders went up to 16,000 reams of paper because Fuji was happy with his service.

"I was suddenly getting P500,000 in sales in a year, which was much more than the P36,000 a year that I got after five years with Citibank. It was a very big thing for me," Bravo says.

He also earned another P200,000 a year from selling toys to Mondragon International.

EDILBERTO Bravo today.

He was happy supplying for Fuji Xerox for some four years when the Fuji group from Japan suddenly considered supplying the paper themselves to the local company. It would have been a very big loss for Bravo since his family—wife and children, Maianne and Enrique—depended on the earnings from supplying copy paper to survive.

It was perhaps divine intervention that Bravo ended up in Hannover, Germany, for a trade fair and got the exclusive distributorship of the Konica office equipment from the Mitsubishi-Konica group. The deal saved Bravo from a huge loss in revenues since he would have lost the copy paper deal with Fuji.

"I was a nobody then and I was young at only 34 or 35 but I still got the deal from Konica perhaps, because I knew the business. When I got the deal on February 1974, I really applied myself to the copier business," Bravo says.

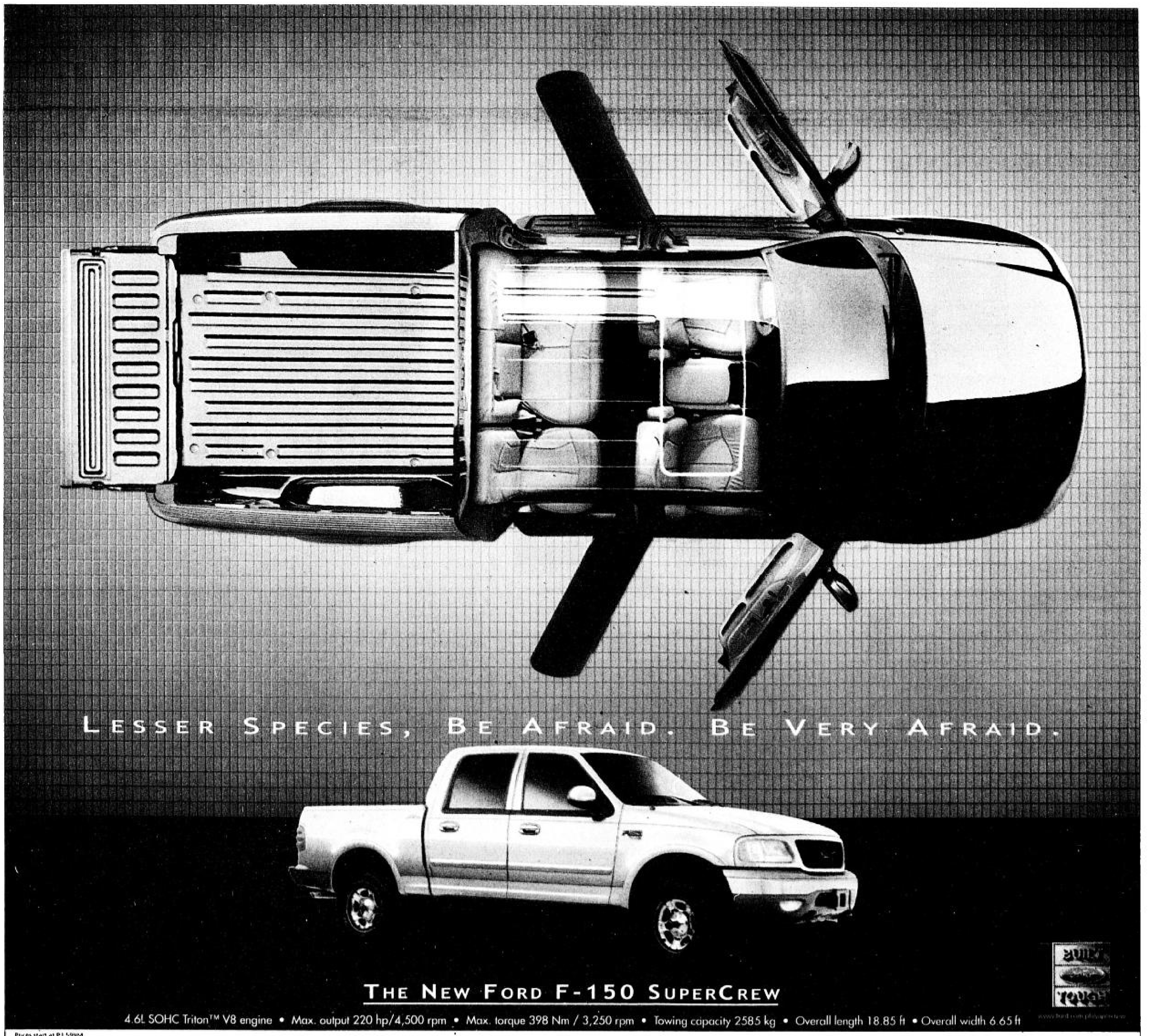
Thus was born Ubix Corp., which he put up together with Enrique Belo, his former boss at Siguion Reyna. After 27 years, the company has grown to be the country's largest distributor of office equipment and furniture. From just supplying photocopying machines, Ubix went into the distribution of office chairs, desks and even Epson printers at one time. He has also diversified into the service industry through a franchise with Service Master.

THE YOUNG Edilberto Bravo in 1961, a new law graduate of the University of the Philippines.

"From almost nothing, we were able to grow the business into the largest distributor of office equipment. From only six employees, we now have 880 people in the company," Bravo says.

It has been a fruitful career for Bravo, but he remains a restless soul. He relaxes these days by spending a lot of time in Caffé Appassionato, a café and restaurant franchise from Seattle, which he owns.

"This is not a job anymore. It's a hobby," Bravo says.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Baguio means berries, veggies and 'ukay-ukay'

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Jennifer, 20, arrived from the United States with a little more common sense than the rest of the average teenage population.

As soon as she took stock of the country's economic situation, she decided that *wagwag* or *ukay-ukay* fashions make good dress sense.

"Wagwag" is Baguio street slang for its now famous bargain goods, which residents and tourists dig out of *balikbayan* boxes piled high with used clothing.

Jennifer's new wardrobe now consists chiefly of bargain clothes that are labeled with some of the finest designer brand names.

Jennifer actually represents a new breed of consumers in Baguio City and Northern Luzon, whose buying patterns are now dictated by the latest *wagwag* import, said lawyer Beverly Milo, chief of the assessment division of the Bureau of Internal Revenue here.

The new consumers have perked up the city's domestic economy despite the recent fluctuation of the peso and have helped fortify local government revenues.

"I have seen the face of the industry and it is comprised of poor people who now earn and pay taxes, and draw tourists. The *wagwagan* (*wagwag* stalls) is a tourist attraction, and it is legal," Mayor Bernardo Vergara said in Filipino during a press forum here this week.

Designer clothes

"We used to joke that the best-dressed people in the Philippines are now Igorots and Baguio folk. But with this new buying pattern and the success of *wagwag*, this joke is now a reputation," Milo said in Filipino.

"When originally, we have housewives who allot only about 2 percent of their household budget for clothing each month, they now spend twice or thrice that, because for P100, they can now buy a good T-shirt and a blouse or skirt. They can even get a good pair of pants for that amount, when before they needed to save as much as P1,000 before they can even shop for clothes," she said.

BAGUIO's "wagwag" stalls are its latest tourist attractions.

BIR detected the new buying pattern only last year, after many of the once underground *wagwag* houses surfaced and paid taxes.

Stalls that sell *wagwag* items have started to sprout around Baguio to satisfy Jennifer's taste—as well as those of most teenage fashion hounds.

At least three of Baguio's old downtown movie houses have closed shop, and have been reinvented into huge bargain halls filled with the latest Prada, Versace and even Inno Sotto designs.

At least three banks had been partitioned into *wagwag* stalls, while almost every section of the city from the airport to the biggest barangays hosts one or two *wagwag* outlets.

City Hall estimates that at least 100 licensed enterprises this year offer their share of *wagwag* items, but for a phenomenal trade, the city has no policy yet regulating these.

Vergara said he had considered imposing a zoning district exclusively for *wagwag* houses, but Benny Alhambra, city tourism officer, said most bargain houses have already cleaned up for the tourist market that they are now indistinguishable from department stores in both façade and goods.

Many of these traders are seasonal entrepreneurs, opting to leave a shop once their goods are all sold, and awaiting the next shipment before they start over again, a City Hall employee told the INQUIRER.

Most of the licenses classify these trades as simply dry goods retailers, whose taxes are never higher than their nominal P100,000 yearly revenue base, Milo said.

Earnings

The *wagwag* industry in Baguio reportedly earns more than P1 million a day.

According to Doris Ballola of the regional Department of Trade and Industry, *wagwag* is becoming the fastest rising industry in the city.

A DTI information sheet last April showed wagwag outlets in the city total 500 to 600.

Ballola said a stall makes around P1,500 to P2,000 during weekends when the local tourists come to Baguio to shop. On weekdays, the *wagwag* traders make P1,000.

This means that the *wagwag* industry earns from P750,000 to P1.2 million a day. The investment to put up a wagwag stall was estimated to reach P120,000.

Ballola emphasized that their figures are only estimates as the *wagwag* industry is still not considered a formal industry.

"Teenagers, university students, bank employees, elementary and high school teachers, and government employees visit these *wagwag* houses four times a week after office hours. And we get tourists who come up just to buy bags of clothes," said a *wagwag* trader in downtown Baguio.

Victor Padangao, 29, manager of one of the oldest *wagwag* houses here, said the *wagwag* trade helped sustain him through college.

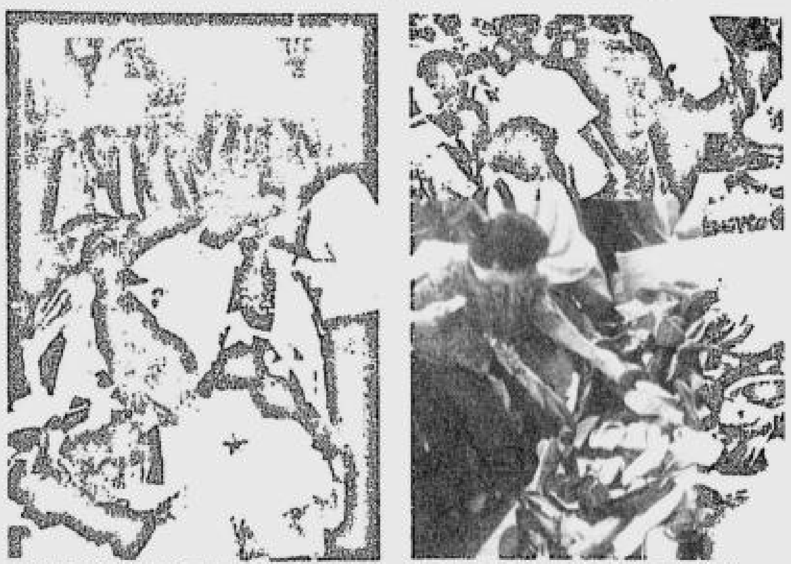
"We started in a small store in the market and we just sold bargain clothes like the rest of the thrift stores everywhere else. But this (*wagwag*) is bigger, and we are helping people who can't afford to sell through big stores," he said.

His family now runs several wagwag houses.

Baguio used to host Ibaloi and Bontoc dry goods dealers who specialized in American surplus, after World War II. Many of these dealers also sold "hand-me-downs" from American soldiers who were based here.

Roots

But Milo said today's *wagwag* phenomenon was a far cry from its roots.



THE UKAY-UKAY industry earns from P750,000 to P1.2M daily.

"The first *wagwag* trader was a classmate of mine, from Bontoc. In fact, there were four of them who used to work in Hong Kong in 1994. When they chanced upon a sidewalk where clothes were being dumped for disposal, she got the idea to market them here. So she bought a box full of clothes and sold them in the market. She made a killing," Milo related.

"My classmate went back and bought two more boxes. I was told many more followed her lead and had been buying side street clothes. Lately, even surplus clothes are shipped here, I was told," she said.

The four traders eventually devised a system, shipping in boxes and selling these to retailers at P5,000 a box. That price had gone up to P7,000 this year.

Many of these retailers already come from Isabela, Mt. Province, and Olongapo City, which used to be well known for its PX bargain stores until 1991.

One Olongapo trader who is now based in Baguio said the *wagwag* phenomenon "does not really compare to Dau because few people bought clothes there."

"There were more interests in US magazines or US equipment, never clothes. That is why it is strange that there is a great demand for clothes here," she said.

But Milo stressed that *wagwag* does not offer the city the best of both economic worlds.

She said the government is not getting the revenues from this industry.

"Taxes are usually small, because while we have more taxpayers, these have eroded even bigger taxpayers like the department stores. The *wagwag* houses pay really small, because their combined net value is only good per boxes they buy. We used to get even bigger taxes from department stores here, but they have been selling less. So a hundred of the *wagwag* houses merely make up for the reduced taxes we get from department stores," Milo said.

The *wagwag* trade has also eroded a complex weaving network, which was only revived in 1990.

"These weavers from Mt. Province, Benguet and Abra had been able to get a foothold in the garments industry. But since the influx of *wagwag*, many weavers also lost their markets to bargains. In fact, many weavers have stopped making clothes and are now retailing *wagwag* themselves, because it is more lucrative," she said.

Even more puzzling is the fact that *wagwag* had already reached its saturation point as a durable market, Milo said.

"Not everyone will keep buying clothes forever, although we realize that the consumers it created will continue to buy clothes until the next (five) years. But after that, we don't know where this phenomenon will lead us," she said. ***With a report from Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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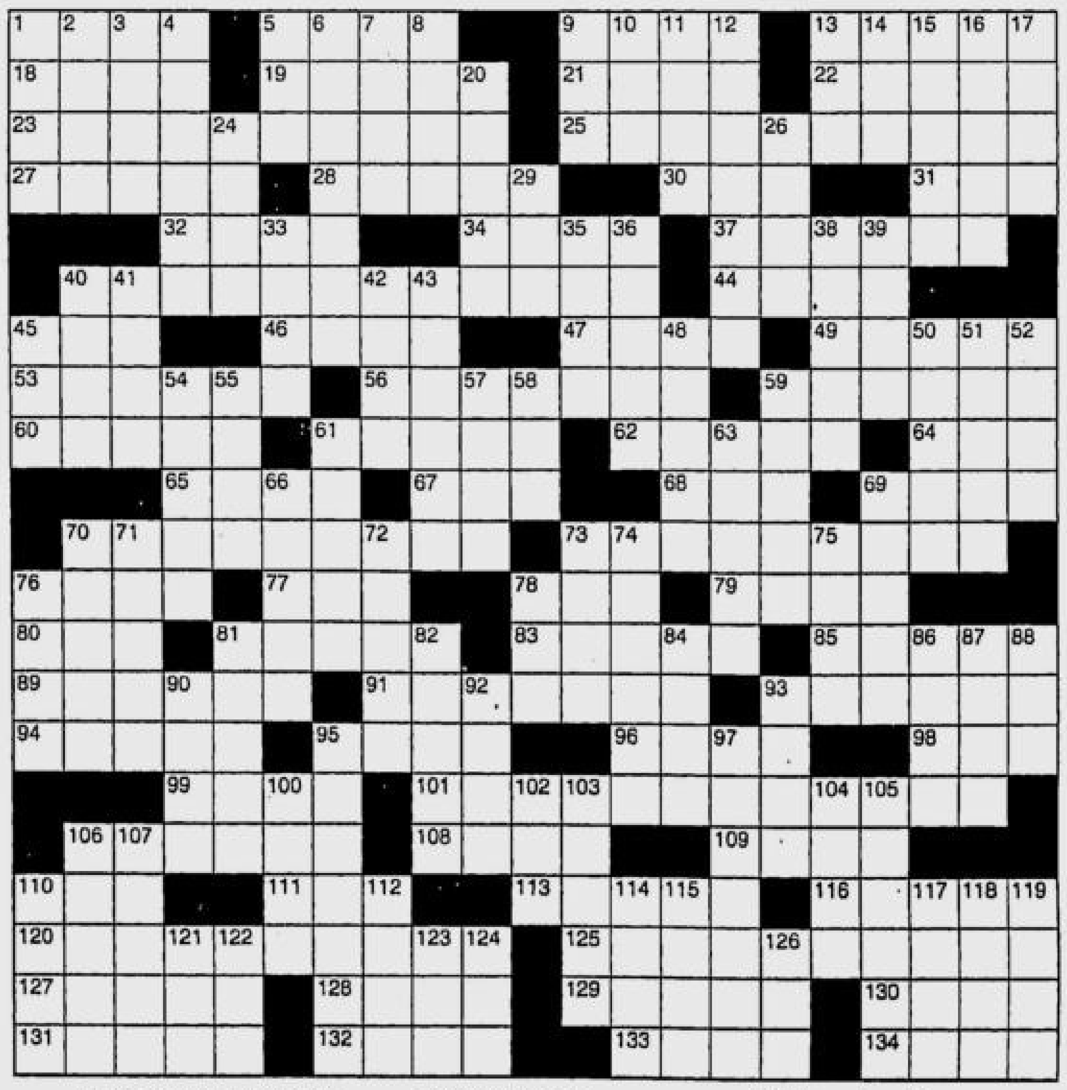

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Paper to last for 200 years

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

CORPORATIONS may not be too aware of it but paper accounts for a big portion of their operating expenses. Despite the trend towards a "paperless" society, corporations still want hard copies of documents, correspondence and memoranda.

Unfortunately, paper is also a source of a lot of waste, either because of paper jams, inferior printing quality or misprints. One possible reason is the quality of the paper itself.

Kelvin H.W. Tan, regional sales manager of April Fine Paper, tells SundayBiz that many of the commonly-used brands of paper used here and abroad have to be "fanned" or separated for them to be fed one by one through the copiers.

Also because of the fibers used in the paper, the ink goes through the paper, thus, affecting the quality of the printing, especially of colored pictures—be it through ink jet or laser printers.

April Fine Paper, thus, came up with PaperOne, a premium quality paper designed to meet office printing and copying requirements. The paper is also cut one by one to prevent jamming, thus, cutting down on the maintenance costs of the copiers.

PaperOne paper has also met the ISO 9706 standard for archival paper, guaranteeing no change in properties that influence readability or handling of the paper for 200 years. This makes it ideal for official documents that need to be kept in pristine condition for a long time.

The paper is also described as "super bright" to make documents look more polished and impressive.

"PaperOne's whiteness is professionally engineered to deliver crystal clear and sharp image reproduction quality," Tan says.

The thickness and stiffness of the paper were also manufactured based on the highest quality standards, making it ideal for artists.

April Fine even brought in Indonesian artist Priadji Kusnadi, a master at making paper portraits using a pair of scissors, to prove the quality of the paper. He has been visiting select branches of National Bookstore since last Friday to demonstrate the paper silhouette art.

PaperOne is produced by April Fine Paper, a manufacturing and marketing company with its premium quality brands sold all over the world. It is listed on the New York Stock Exchange with its manufacturing facility based in Sumatra, Indonesia while its marketing and finance centers are based in Singapore.

Exclusive distributors in the Philippines are Van Hawk Paper (Phils.) Co., Veco Paper Corp. and Lamco Paper Products Co. Inc.

April Fine Paper chose to set up its manufacturing facilities in Sumatra because of the climate, which is quite hot and dry since it is right on the equator.

The ideal growing conditions enable April to grow the acacia trees within seven years. The high growth rate means that April requires significantly less land to produce the paper compared to traditional producers in Scandinavia and North America.

The production facility spans about 4 kilometers from the wood yard to the container loading area. It is a fully integrated facility from the yard and power plant to pulp mill, paper machine, finishing lines, warehousing, distribution and jetty facilities.

From Sumatra, April's paper products are shipped to Europe, Middle East, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, China, South Korea, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Japan and now the Philippines.

Tan says April Fine decided to go into the country and bring its products because it is confident that the economy will recover and there will be a market in the corporate and even artistic world for high quality paper.

To get a slice of the market, the exclusive distributors in the Philippines priced a ream of PaperOne paper at about P176 per ream, which is very competitive considering that the top brands currently sell at over P200 a ream. A ream of bond paper can be bought for some P130 to P200 in the market today.

'Living the brand' is easier said than done

"Brand Manners"
By Hamish Pringle and William Gordon
John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

By Dante M. Velasco

EXECUTIVE READ

I CHECKED the balance in my credit card the other day with one of the biggest banks in the world. An answering machine gave me a series of instructions: press one ... press two ... or wait for the operator. I sighed with the cashier who was nervously waiting for the confirmation.

Is there a way to be free from answering machines? Where have all the telephone receptionists gone?

Previously, it was my secretary who had been making the requests for updating. When I did it myself, it can only be described as serendipitous. I was reading a book, which warns against creating a "corporate distance" between company and customer.

And this global bank was being distant from this one customer that it once courted without even trying. The bank is not alone.

Many companies here have joined the bandwagon in installing these answering machines that have effectively alienated them from their customers. And who, may I add, have belied their pronouncements about their customer-friendliness.

The book, interestingly titled "Brand Manners", is a wake-up call to big-and even small-companies to make sure their organizations truly live up to the promise of the brand, their ads and their public relations positioning.

Sub-titled "how to create the self-confident organization to live the brand," the book provides valuable advice to CEOs and marketing directors who continue to face the unwanted prospect of "over promising and under delivering" to use a phrase that's been going around pointing to the all-too-familiar failure to deliver on their promises.

The authors Hamish pringle (director of Brand Beliefs Ltd.) and William Gordon (strategy partner with Accenture, formerly Andersen Consulting)—put together a wealth of concepts and "to do" guides that will enable corporations behind the brands to make it easy on management and employees to live up to the customer expectations that they created themselves.

The usual way was to install a "command and control" strategy to make sure the entire organization is primed for being "customer-driven."

However, such a strategy, depends solely on "cascading" the CEO's commitment to the customer.

And more often than not, the enthusiasm or passion peters out through layers and layers of the organization.

"No matter how good the work behind brand positioning, marketing and communication, a reputation can be ruined by the poor interaction between a customer and a brand representative," the authors say.

"What is needed is a self-confident organization," the book declares, one that has in its corporate culture a desire to place the customer and exceed his/her expectations.

Terry Leahy, CEO of Tesco in the United Kingdom (whose firm is presented as a success story in the book) underscored some fundamentals that, as Robert Fulghum would say, "we learned in kindergarten."

"There can be a huge improvement in business performance by applying the incredibly simple principle that good manners, good conduct and good behavior—motivate every one," the authors add.

The book offers a treasure trove of tables, illustrations and cartoons that either make the principles easy to understand or make a point unforgettable. Don't miss this cartoon, titled "Phone Therapy" that provides a reductio ad absurdum—some companies' fetish for answering machines.

A distraught caller, phone handset on his left hand bears a voice from the machine that says:

"Hello .. This is the Police. If you are being attacked from behind by a mad axe murderer, press one .."

The book promised to deliver key concepts on enabling your organization to live up to its brand promise. It has done its part providing a single-minded approach to equipping your people from the CEO to the front-line employees for such a worthy goal. Your part is to read the book, page by page, illustration by illustration.

Living the brand is easier said than done. But it can be done and this book shows how! *(dantemv@I-next.net)*

When wedding bells ring, so do those cash registers

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

BEHIND every birth of a baby is usually a wedding. And behind every wedding is a multi-million industry that has made millionaires out of some backyard operators.

There are no accurate figures on how many brides and grooms walk down the aisle every year but as wedding coordinator Rita Neri of The Wedding Store puts it, just check out the figures at the Manila Cathedral alone.

"Manila Cathedral averages seven weddings on Saturdays alone. Seven weddings times 48 Saturdays in a year (Saturday is the most popular day for weddings) gives 336 weddings," she says.

Manila Cathedral, which charges about P15,000 to P20,000 for the use of the church, easily earns some P5.04 million to P6.72 million for its Saturday weddings alone.

The old San Agustin Church in Manila and Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, two of the most popular churches for weddings in the country, would probably yield the same figures as the Manila Cathedral.

Now still going by the figures of one church alone, Neri says if you multiply the number of Saturday weddings with the average P150,000 budget of the lower middle class you will yield some P50.4 million in expenses.

What is interesting is that the wedding industry is one of the few sectors that is not affected by the state of the economy.

"Surprisingly, it has been increasing slightly these past two years," Neri, a columnist at the new Weddings Magazine adds. "This is surprising because of the hard times the country is going through."

And what's more, Neri says the wedding industry continues to support many suppliers and businesses.

"Most industries that came about due to weddings can be categorized into three sectors . One is service, which includes events or wedding planners, photography or video, digital or ''techno-related'' services such as personalized CD's, web sites for weddings, hotels and restaurant services from catering to holding bridal fairs. Another is decorative arts, which include the bake shops, flower shops, glass and even pottery. The third is crafts, which include candles and soaps, scents, paper printing; ceramic or pottery. The third category includes the giveaways," explains Neri.

The wedding coordinator of Aga Muhlach and Charlene Gonzales says that wedding coordinators alone have sprouted substantially over the past 10 years.

Wedding coordinators get paid anywhere from P5,000 per wedding to several thousands depending on the amount of work that needs to be done.

"When I started in 1994 there were probably only six "visible" or known wedding coordinators or event planners (non-corporate) Most wedding suppliers all knew each other since the market was still quite small," says Neri, who was one of the pioneer of the wedding coordinating business.

"The wedding industry was still at its infancy. Now there are more than 40 photographers who specialize in weddings as compared with 10 before, around 30 cake-makers to six ten years ago and so on. Based on percentages, the growth seems to double every year for new suppliers," she adds.

And budgets for weddings have not been on the decline either. While some simple weddings cost as little as less than P10,000, these can go as high as P20 million.

WHEN wedding coordinator Rita Neri started, there were only a handful of suppliers.

THERE is still a lot of room for budding entrepreneurs to get into the wedding scene.

Expenses

Which accounts for the biggest expense in a wedding?

The reception always accounts for at least 50 percent of the cost of the wedding. The food bill ranges substantially from about P180 per person to as high as P2,000.

The second biggest cost item would be the attire and the most expensive item here would be the bride's gown. Neri says costs here can range from as low as P3,000 to over half a million.

Known designer Frederick Peralta and fashion editor of Weddings Magazine says he has made a gown for as low as P10,000 for a vendor whose dream was to march down the aisle in one of his gowns, to as high as nearly P1 million for an entourage.

The groom's attire can cost anywhere from a P5,000 barong to a P100,000 tuxedo.

Flowers can also be a major expense with most flower shops importing the bulk of the floral needs of weddings.

Neri says cost of the flowers for the entourage range from P9,000 to P25,000; P15,000 and up for the church; while for the reception, it starts at P20,000 and up.

Giveaways can also cost from about P20 to as high as $20 or some P1,000.

Neri says she knows of couples who have given away a Tiffany or Lalique pieces, Mont Blanc pens and Wedgewood picture frames.

But she says a good thing that is happening nowadays is that some couples donate to charities and foundations or even plant trees in behalf of their guests, such as what the children of two taipans did—Cherry Tan (daughter of Lucio Tan) and Alfred Ty (son of George Ty).

Invitation costs range from P30 a piece to as high as P225.

Because of the big business potential of the wedding industry, bridal fairs have also been organized.

Neri herself has organized six and is holding one on October 5 to 6 at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati.

Room for more

Despite the growing crowd in the wedding industry, Neri says there is still room for more suppliers and service providers.

For the giveaway sector, for example, Neri says the suppliers should carve a niche for themselves and not use the shotgun approach of targeting a wide market range of clients from A to D.

She says suppliers must watch out for trends and must continue to read and do research to update themselves.

She provides a tip: "The process of giveaways has been fast tracked."

She explains that many giveaways are made from readily available raw materials and only the colors and the little touches are personalized.

So the key for those interested to go into this business is to have good sources of raw materials at reasonable prices.

Another sector that is open for more players is the wedding shoe industry. Opportunities also abound in the accessories sector like headdresses.

Neri adds that there are also very few shops selling groom's accessories.

Neri also notes the growing demand for lights and sounds as more and more weddings provide entertainment during the reception.

There is also a lack of professional emcees for weddings.

The former history teacher and frustrated archaeologist, however, notes that while opportunities still abound in the wedding industry, new players should avoid turning into fly-by-night operations.

One successful wedding does not qualify one to be a wedding coordinator. A beautiful wedding cake does not automatically mean it will be smooth sailing to get into the business.

Suppliers should take care to maintain the quality of the work and the level of professionalism. Goods must be ordered on time and the end products should look and feel the same as the samples.

With more suppliers joining the fray, they can count on at least one thing to make sure profits pour in. And that is weddings will never go out of style. *(The Wedding Store, 840-1897)*

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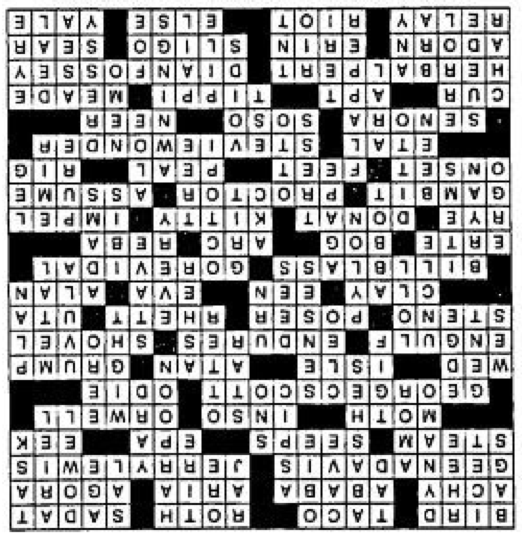

Avon awards RP branch

AVON Philippines was recently awarded the Pathfinder Award for Business Performance Through A Political and Economic Crisis during the Avon Annual Worldwide Management Conference in Carlsbad, California.

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Avon Philippines has been a recipient of several citations and recognition among the Avon countries. In 1997, the company received The Flame Award, the highest award given for overall business performance. Soon after, Avon Philippines won two Star of Asia Awards for posting the highest sales, operating profit, customer growth and activity rate among the Avon Asia-Pacific markets.

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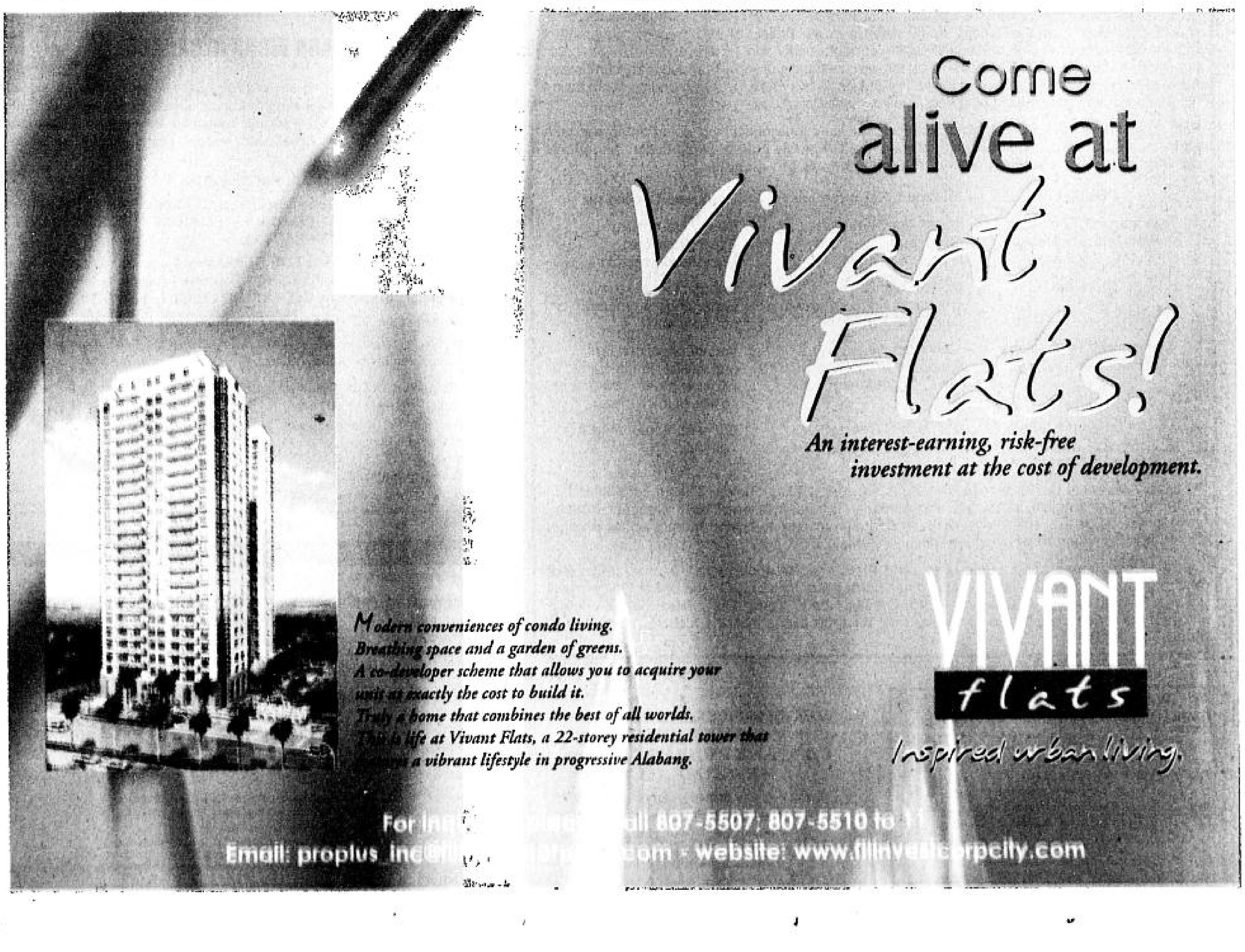

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Acceptance of applications for the position of

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October 12, 2001	General Assembly with PSHS Community
October 15, 2001	Interview with Search Committee

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MANUEL G. IMSON
Undersecretary

I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to you and your good office for having assisted and supported me with my dream of pursuing my nursing career here in the United States of America. GSI has given me and all other nurses the utmost support and guidance all these years and you continue to keep in touch and ensure our satisfaction and continued success.

I have been in North Carolina since the 17th of December 1992 and now a permanent resident. I have held different positions almost every year due to all promotions I have been give and up to this point in time I continue to grow personally and professionally. I have been appointed and still currently serving and an active member of the North Carolina Nurse Council Association. Also, as a DON in my facility, the pride I feel in my job would not have been made possible without your company's assistance and support. I can not thank you enough for all that you have done.

I highly recommend your company to all the RN's out there who seek for career opportunities and growth. They can plan their lives the way I have mapped mine so well, with your company having given me the jumpstart.

Cordially,

MHelbing - RN
MARISSA OLARTE HELBING, BSN, RN
Director of Nursing
Autumn Care of Marshville

Greetings of peace!

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to you, your family, GSI, and MHSI Agency of San Fernando, La Union.

The processing of my Immigrant Visa to the US was worth waiting for. The wonderful accommodation and fruitful training we had at San Fernando was incomparable and useful. It helped me greatly to adjust to life here in the United States.

The warm reception and assistance of GSI upon our arrival here in the US was one of a kind. It was comforting to the extent that homesickness was cured.

It's been a privilege and honor that your company had processed my employment here in the US. There's nothing more I can ask. I believe you will come highly recommended to those qualified RN's in the Philippines seeking sponsor and employment here in the USA.

Again, thank you and more power!

Sincerely yours,

Arnold S. Lagoc
ARNOLD S. LAGOC, RN
JFK Medical Center
Atlantis, Florida

OUR TRACK RECORD OF EXCELLENCE

We at GUARDIAN SOLUTIONS, INC. are proud of the outstanding track record of our Filipino health care professionals. A host of satisfied clients attest to the competence, commitment and hard work that our professionals give.

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"Your efforts in recruiting excellent Filipino registered nurses has provided the Evergreens residents with outstanding service and permitted us to keep professional staff costs at a minimum... Since the Filipino nurses have been with us, our outside contract agency costs have dropped dramatically."

DWAYNE YOUNGDAHL
Vice President
The Evergreens, Inc.
Greensboro, NC

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WILLIAM T. FILLIPONE
Vice President
Liberty Healthcare
Naples, FL

GSI MESSAGES

Celebrating 10 years of service as a Human Resource and Development company for Health Care Professionals is a record of sorts in this line of business. The reason we have come this far is credited to the exemplary performance of more than 1000 Filipino Nurses and Physical Therapists that GSI has placed all over the United States.

As a former Hospital and Long Term Health Care Administrator, "Patients come first", is my mission. The commitment of the Filipino Health Care Professional to deliver quality patient care even in adverse conditions has satisfied this mission. It is for this reason that our client employers have continued to maintain their business with GSI over the years. At this time I can proudly say that several of these nurses have gone on to become Directors and Assistant Directors of Nursing Services.

For us at GSI, we have become the extended family of our Nurses and PT's in the USA. As we start a second decade of service I invite you to be part of the GSI family into the new millennium.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the Philippine Government and all its attached agencies that have supported us these past 10 years.

DONALD E. FINN
President and CEO
Guardian Solutions, Inc.

Every Filipino is proud of the outstanding performance and achievement of our nurses working overseas. Having worked as a nurse in the USA myself, it is inspiring to note that not few of our nurses have risen to the ranks of Assistant Director of Nursing to Director of Nursing and have gone on to become Administrators of hospitals and long term health care facilities. There is no doubt that the Filipino health care professional ranks with the best of the best in the world of health care. I encourage you to become a part of this pride.

GSI remains steadfast in its commitment to provide opportunities for the fulfillment of many Filipino nurses' dream of working in the USA. Come join us and be part of the growing tradition of successful endeavor of GSI in the next 10 years.

MAngiwan
MANCY E. ANGIWAN, BSN, RN, MN
Director of Nursing

MHSI and my principal employer Guardian Solutions, Incorporated (GSI) based in Bonita Springs, Florida, U.S.A. had deployed more than 1,000 Health Care Professionals since 1992 and is still deploying up to now. I would like to thank GSI for the services that you provide to all our Filipino Health Care Workers bound for the U.S.A. for the last ten years. You will be most remembered by the people you have touched and making and a remarkable imprint in their lives. I am confident that your company will bring pride to the Filipino people. It is therefore for this reason that I urge the Filipino Health Care Professionals to apply for the employment-based third preference (EB-3) to obtain their greencard and/or avail of the H-1 working visas while these avenues are open. I would like you to know that most of those who have availed of these opportunities are already in the U.S.A. working for their respective employers.

ZENAIDA CARIÑO-FINN
President
Manpower Health Services International (Phils.), Inc.

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GSI CELEBRATES IT'S 10TH YEAR IN THE PHILIPPINES...

Come celebrate with us!

CORPORATE PROFILE

Guardian Solutions, Inc., was founded in 1992 for the purpose of bringing Filipino Registered Nurses into the United States to work in hospitals and nursing homes during a time of nursing shortages throughout the country. This is still an important part of our business and we continue to serve our first clients, as well as new ones across the United States.

We have now placed more than two thousand nurses at various healthcare facilities throughout the United States. Many of the nurses we originally placed in the United States are still working at the same facilities, some seven to eight years later. We believe this is a testament to the training systems and programs we have in place both in the Philippines and the United States, which serve both the employer and the employee.

Currently, we have offices in Bonita Springs, Florida, and San Fernando La Union, Philippines. These offices serve not only in recruiting nurses, but also in maintaining contact with the family and friends of our employees, thus providing a conduit for messages, requests for news, and a vehicle for employee/employer good will.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY GSI

1. Processing of EB-3 (Greencard) and H-1 Petitions with the US Immigration.
2. Obtain an offer of employment from a hospital/health care facility.
3. Free TSE review.
4. Free NCLEX & state board application/processing.
5. Free NCLEX computer review at our Philippine office.
6. Free AIRFARE to place of employment in the USA.
7. Free 2-3 months housing for certain facilities.
8. Training and orientation program prior to departure.
9. Family assistance as applicable.

Nurses at JFK hospital, Atlantis, Florida celebrating a birthday party.

MHSI & TQM staff. (L to R) - Rey, Ana Marie, Anna Liza, Lina & Jenny.

GSI Staff with Mr. Donald Finn Florida, USA (L to R) Jaime, Joan, Claire Marie, Pres. Donald E. Finn.

Pedro Carino Building – permanent office of MHSI & TQM located at San Fernando City.

ATTENTION NURSES!!!

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In its continuous endeavor of making a better life for a better world, **Guardian Solutions Incorporated w/ Accreditation No. 63281 (GSI)** in partnership with **Manpower Health Services International (MHSI)** will conduct a **FREE SEMINAR on Employment-based Immigrant Visa (EB-3) and H-1 Visa**. GSI's mission of easing the nursing staff shortage in the US Healthcare System and bringing out the Filipino Nurses' potential as World-class Healthcare Worker is propelled by its **President and CEO, Mr. Donald E. Finn** who will discuss important features on the "how-to" and updates of obtaining a **GREENCARD and WORKING VISAS**. We offer immigration opportunities together with family members at no extra costs.

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Cebu City
August 15, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
August 16, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 NN

BETHEL GUEST HOUSE
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Dumaguete City
August 17, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

AMIGO TERRACE HOTEL
Corner Iznart, Delgado St.
Iloilo City
August 18, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

THE APO VIEW
J. Camus St.,
Davao City
August 20, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SULO HOTEL
Matalino Road, Diliman,
Quezon City
August 22, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

CENTURY RESORT HOTEL
McArthur Highway
Balibago, Angeles City
August 23, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

CAP BUILDING
Post Office Loop, Session Road
Baguio City
August 24, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Dagupan City
August 27, 2001 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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San Fernando City, La Union
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The SMART Officer is responsible for planning and implementation of store marketing projects and activities that will: a) increase store sales and b) make service to our customers more personalized. For the position, we need a college graduate, preferably in Mass Communication, Marketing, Management, or any related discipline. He or she should be creative and outgoing, and should possess good human relations and oral and written communication skills.

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Qualified applicants are requested to apply personally and bring your comprehensive resumé, recent ID photo and a photocopy of Transcript of Records on August 16 (1-5 pm), 17 and 18 (8-5 pm) at:

VILLA CACERES HOTEL
Magsaysay Avenue, Naga City

CASCADE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
The Caraballo and Southern Cordillera Agricultural Development Programme is an integrated rural development project of the Department of Agriculture jointly funded by the Government of the Philippines and the European Union.

Invitation for Expressions of Interest.

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CASCADE is an equal opportunity employer and actively encourages women to apply.

All correspondence should be addressed to the following:

THE PROJECT CO-DIRECTORS
DA-CASCADE
Bonfal West, 3700 Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
Tel. No. (078) 321-2605 and 321-4128
Tel/Fax No. (078) 321-3611
e-mail: cascade_erp@hotmail.com

CASCADE

Department of Agriculture
CARABALLO & SOUTHERN CORDILLERA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
A Programme for Economic Self-Reliance
Bayombong 3700, Nueva Vizcaya
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To qualify, Candidates must possess University degree/s (B.Sc. and/or M.Sc.) in Development Management, Statistics, Economics and/or related field(s); have at least 3 years relevant supervisory work experience leading a multi-disciplinary team by preference with foreign-assisted projects; display proficiency in report writing in English (local dialect is an advantage); show ability to operate with software in Windows environment (Microsoft Office is a strict requirement).

Interested applicant must send no later than 31 August 2001, their Letter of Intent, Comprehensive CV/Resumé indicating contact Phone numbers as well as two (2) contactable references and a 2x2 ID picture to:

THE PROJECT CO-DIRECTORS
CASCADE, Bonfal West, Cavadeco Bldg.,
Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
And/or Fax at: 078-321-3611
E-mail: cascade_erp@hotmail.com

(Note: the Project will only respond to applicants meeting the above requirements).

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IPAMS U.S.A. IMMIGRANT VISA FOR CGFNS PASSERS

SEPT. 3RD TO 13TH FINAL INTERVIEW & CONTRACT SIGNING

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METRO MANILA

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS AN INTERNATIONAL AIRFREIGHT FORWARDER) CAB CASE NO. EP - 20489
TRANCY LOGISTICS PHILIPPINES, INC.) Applicant.
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R A 776, as amended, notice is hereby given that **TRANCY LOGISTICS PHILIPPINES, INC.** has filed an application before the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for an Authority to Operate as an International Airfreight Forwarder. The initial hearing of the above-entitled case will be held on **28 August 2001 at 10:00 A.M.** at the Conference Room of the CAB, Old MIA Road, Pasay City before the undersigned Hearing Officer, at which hearing, the applicant shall present its evidence.

The applicant is hereby required to have this Notice of Hearing published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, or that copies thereof and the application be sent to existing CAB certified airfreight forwarders either by personal service or with a registered mail with return card at least three days before the scheduled hearing.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition on or before the date of the hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing with such evidence as may be proper in the premises. Failure on the part of any interested party to file its opposition on time and appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of its right to be heard and the Civil Aeronautics Board will proceed to hear and decide this application on its merit.

Let a copy of the Application and this Notice be posted at the CAB Bulletin Board beginning today.

30 July 2001
Pasay City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) MANUEL A. MORENTE, JR.
Chief, Legal & Enforcement Division

(PDI--Aug. 12, 19 & 26, 2001)

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ACCOUNTANT	- Preferably CPA, Female
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MARKETING OFFICERS	- Experience in manpower, related business will be an advantage.
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Interested Applicant may submit their Bio-Data / Resumé with 2x2 ID picture
Tel. no. **873-1503** look for **Mr. Cris Lopera** Email: **Australink@yahoo.com**

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b) Weather protection sheds and sandblasting hooper at SRF and NSD compound	August 30, 2001, Thursday, 3:00 p.m.
c) Abandoned finished products and other properties by Korea Subic-manufacturer of fishing rods at NavMag	August 30, 2001, Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

II. Only accredited buyers are requested to submit the following Pre-qualification documents at the Procurement and Property Management Department (PPMD), Room 201, 2nd Floor, Bldg. 255, SBMA, Subic Bay Freeport Zone.
   1. Certificate of Accreditation as Scrap Hauler from Trade & Tourism Group of PPMD, SBMA.
   2. Latest Income Tax Return (TTR 2000) of the bidder or copies of Audited Financial Statement of the Company and Certification of Cash Deposit by a reputable bank

III. Deadline for submission of the Pre-qualification Papers is on August 16, 2001, Thursday, (5:00 pm). No extension.

IV. Pre-Bid Conference and Issuance of Bid Forms (P100.00 per set) will be on August 23, 2001, Thursday (3:00 p.m.)

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VIII. SBMA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality found therein or to reject/accept such bids as may be deemed most advantageous to SBMA.

Done this 9th day of August.

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(Sgd.) **ATTY. PERCIVAL A. CENDAÑA**
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His remains are at the Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish (Twin Hearts), corner Bulletin and Daily Mirror Sts., West Triangle, Quezon City.

Cremation is scheduled immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, August 18, 2001.

Instead of flowers, we would appreciate donations to the Emmaus Center's Program for the Elderly.

We would appreciate your prayers for him.

"Eye has not seen, ear has not heard,
nor has it so much as downed on man what
God has prepared for those who love Him."
1 Corinthians 2:9

DRA. LOLITA A. TAN, MD

of Bocaue, Bulacan and Vallejo, California

Peacefully joined our Creator on July 31, 2001
at the age of 50.

Beloved daughter of **Mrs. Brigida Ayroso** and **Tan Lee** (†);
Sister, Dear Auntie and Lola to:

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Michelle

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Judd and Rowena
Arlene and Pol
Bijeh and Mel
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Jason
Joseph
Sarah
Jefferson

Her remains lie at her residence at #198 A. Mendoza Street, Bocaue, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at 2:00 PM at Krus sa Wawa Memorial Park.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, and whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

He lived like a king,
he died like a king.

MAJ. DANTE BALBIN DELA CRUZ

Banayoyo, Ilocos Sur and Gatchalian Subdivision, Las Piñas City
June 4, 1943 - August 14, 2000

We wish to thank our friends and relatives here and abroad, who are offering Mass for Dante's soul on his **First Death Anniversary**.

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"He came Himself to meet me, I am home in Heaven dear ones,
Oh, so happy and so bright. There is perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light."

Message of Thanks

Our sincerest gratitude from the family of the late

Doña Socorro H. Mata Madarang

of Laoag City and Makati City
February 4, 1911 - July 29, 2001

For visiting and being with us in our time of sorrow...
For the Mass cards and messages of condolence...
For the lovely flowers and gifts to express compassion...
For everything that you have done to console our hearts...

Linda Rosie Penny

CONFUCIUS DIEL CABRERA

of Suba, Dimasalang, Masbate

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on August 9, 2001
at the age of 59.

His loving wife **AGAN**; children **PET**, **DJANGO** and **ANABELLE**, **HI** and **BERMA**, **CHE** and **TINA**, **SHEILA** and **STN**; grandchildren **ENOY**, **INA**, **KIT-KAT**, **BRYAN**, **MEEKEE**, **MACO**, **RAISSA**, **ALEC**, **GABRIEL** and **LHYANNE**; brothers and sisters **ELLA** and **BOBBY**, **IRBI** and **PEPING**, **SHEBA**, **DARWIN** and **CAROL**; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Arlington Memorial Chapels, 12 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, August 15, 2001 at the Himlayang Pilipino, Quezon City after the 12:00 p.m. Mass.

Dr. Erlinda Montilla Raymundo

March 18, 1936 - July 30, 2001
Died in Boulder, Colorado.

She is survived by sisters Carmen Corvera, Concepcion Martinez, Aida Reyes, and Terisita Raymundo.

Our Beloved Mother and Grandmother

Raymunda Corpus Salonga

Peacefully joined our Lord on August 11, 2001
at the age of 93.

Her loving husband **Exequiel** (†); bereaved children **Alex** and **Celia**, **Mohammad** and **Edna**, **Gardy** and **Rose**, **Rene** (†) and grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at La Loma Cemetery Manila, following requiem Mass.

Message of Thanks

We,
the family of the late

DR. PEDRO M. REYES, JR.

who joined our Creator
on August 5, 2001

wish to convey our sincerest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to all of you who condoled with us, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, offered Masses, prayers and novenas and who, in countless ways, provided strength and comfort in our moment of grief.

"Absent with the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

Margarito "Mar" E. Putan

Owner, Maroalmark Metalcraft Enterprise

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Global consulting company Headstrong has reiterated its support for Filipino and French community relations by sponsoring a room of the Alliance Francaise de Manille. Headstrong specializes in creating business value from digital technologies. The firm is global with more than 1,000 employees and an established presence in 14 countries, including all of the world's major business centers. Alliance Francaise de Manille toasted the IT firm's generous donation during a recent assembly. Shown during the event are (from left) Headstrong supply chain delivery principal Philippe Saubier, Headstrong Philippines managing director Marife Zamora, Alliance Francaise de Manille president and BPI senior executive vice president Aurelio R. Montinola and Alliance Francaise de Manille director Renaud Fessaguet.

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This year's "Loyalty Advantage x3" promises to be even more exciting as it brings together SKYCable/SunCable and Internet services, SKYInternet and ZPDee Cable Internet. This means, in addition to Metro Manila residential and commercial SKYCable/SunCable subscribers, nationwide subscribers of SKYInternet and ZPDee subscribers in Metro Manila are now part of this exciting and rewarding program. In addition, Fusion subscribers who have SKYCable and SKYInternet or ZPDee services are also eligible to join the program.

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There's more. This year, there are new exciting rewards from Imarflex, Sharp and Accent Micro, among others. So keep your subscription to SKYCable or SunCable, SKYInternet, ZPDee Cable Internet and Fusion to enjoy the new and more exciting "Loyalty Advantage x3."

For more information, call SKYCable Call Center at 636-7591 or SKYInternet Call Center at 411-2000. Or log on to any of the following websites: www.skycable.com, www.skyinet.net or www.zpdee.net.

O Music Video, the new generation entertainment store

IF you're lookiing for labels such as Café Del Mar, Ministry of Sound, Global Underground, Narada or TSR, then you have to be at O Music Video. It's the newest store where you can find almost anything and everything about entertainment; music videos, accessories, and surprises along the way.

O Music Video quietly started out in the scene early January this year but remarkably created such a big stir at Rockwell Power Plant--giving credit to its unique and wide range of choices.

O Music Video at the third level of The Power Plant Mall is a new generation entertainment store intended for people who have more discriminating tastes. With its full category of specialty labels, O Music Video caters to Generation Now. It's a progressive, lifestyle kind of a store.

O Music Video offers a diversified range for one's entertainment necessities. It has hard-to-find music, a huge selection of the latest VCDs and DVDs, micro components, magazines, Discman, Walkman, backpacks, accessories and even cell cards. It is indeed a one-stop shop.

School HRD convention

A TWO-DAY convention for human resource management and development practitioners on the theme, "Institutional and Human Resources Productivity and Effectiveness," will be held on Aug. 23 and 24 at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Pasay City.

The convention, which will feature some of the country's human resources experts as speakers, will be held in response to the need to address regularly pressing concerns of most private schools regarding human resources.

The two-day confab will be conducted under the auspices of the Asian Association of School Human Resource Management and Development Practitioners Inc. (AASHPI).

For details, call Jocelyn, Joyce or Jeseil of Southville International School at (632) 820-8709, 820-9181 or 820-8714 or fax (632) 820-8715, 809-1023, e-mail gene@sville.edu.ph.

RCBC hosts 1st IT job fair

THE NEWLY built tower of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) along Ayala Avenue is the chosen venue for the first ever Philippine IT Job Fair and IT and Gadget Expo.

Dubbed "IT Matters @RCBC," the jobs fair and expo is also being seen as a "must-go" and "must-see" event because of the number of companies participating and the quality of jobs to be offered. The jobs fair will be held on Aug. 16 and 17 at RCBC IT Plaza in the corner of Ayala and Buendia avenues.

Organizer Event One Inc. president Roselle Suan disclosed that some 50 top companies have already expressed interest to participate.

She also announced that there would be a simultaneous IT and Gadget Expo during the much-awaited two-day affair. The expo will be graced by vendors and sellers of state-of-the-art communications gadgets and computer accessories and peripherals.

Special treat for avid golfers

AVID golfers usually suffer from dry hair and skin due to long outdoor exposure, tired feet after those long walks on the greens, and tired and aching muscles after those mighty swings.

South Spa takes all the weariness away. A Footloose package and foot therapy will take care of tired and overworked feet. A scalp massage will soften dry and brittle hair. A body seaweed scrub and salt glow treatment will exfoliate dead skin cells and renew dry skin. And a body massage will relieve back and muscle pains using scientific stretching exercises recommended by chiropractors and physical therapists.

For more inquiries, visit The South Spa, open from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., at the ground floor of Kingswood Towers, Pasong Tamo corner Vito Cruz extension, Makati City, or call 895-4420/895-4029.

Philippine Overseas Employment Administration

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Website: www.poea.org.ph

INVITATION TO BID

ITB No. 009-01

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration is inviting all interested janitorial agencies to a public bidding for the janitorial service contract for POEA.

Sealed bids shall be accompanied by a bidder's bond equivalent to 2½% of the total contract price in the form of Cash, Cashier's or Manager's Check, or Surety Bond callable on demand issued by the GSIS or insurance company accredited by the Insurance Commissioner, or a combination thereof.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

1. Issuance of Application for Eligibility Forms and Bid/Tender Documents/ Instructions to Bidders	- August 9-29, 2001
2. Pre-Bid Conference	- August 31, 2001 / 2:30 p.m.
3. Submission, Receipt and opening of Eligibility and Bid Envelopes	- September 7, 2001 / 2:30 p.m.

The POEA neither assumes any obligations whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of their bid, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

The POEA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or part thereof without offering any reason, to waive any formalities or defects therein or to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the government. All awards by the Bids and Awards Committee are subject to the final approval of the POEA Administrator.

(Sgd.) LORNA O. FAJARDO
Deputy Administrator

(PDI - Aug 12 & 19, 2001)

Republika ng Pilipinas
KAGAWARAN NG KAGALINGANG PANLIPUNAN AT PAGPAPAUNLAD
(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT)
BATASAN PAMBANSA COMPLEX, CONSTITUTION HILLS
QUEZON CITY

Invitation for Bids

August 10, 2001

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan No. 4301-PH
IFB No. ECD-PMO-01DSWD-004

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the financing of Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and delivery of Information Technology (IT) Equipment.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Project Management Office (PMO) of the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of IT Equipment. This includes fifty-eight (58) units each of Hi-end Brand Desktop Computer with Modem, Hi-end Brand Laser Printer and Hi-end Brand Uninterruptible Power Supply.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete set of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **August 15, 2001** from Ms. Maricris Jacinto of the Property and Supply Division, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone nos. (632) 9318161, (632) 9318101 to 07 local 125, and fax no. (632) 9517116 or 9318127.
4. Bids must be received in a sealed envelope (complete with all requirements) by Ms. Maricris Jacinto at the same address in paragraph 3 not later than **August 29, 2001**, 10:00 a.m. Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of two percent (2%) of total bid price. Late quotations will not be accepted.
5. Prior to submission of bid proposals, a Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **August 21, 2001**, 2:00 p.m. at the Administrative Conference Room, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.
6. The DSWD Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality therein and/or accept the bid as may be considered most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) Asst. Sec. LOURDES G. BALANON
Chairperson, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI--Aug. 12 & 13, 2001)

INQUIRER
TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

"You have the right..."

Q. Why is the "Miranda doctrine" so named?

A. It's called the Miranda doctrine or warning because of a United States Supreme Court decision, *Miranda v. Arizona*, in 1966. Three years earlier, 22-year-old Ernesto Miranda was arrested for stealing $8 from a bank employee in Phoenix, Arizona. While in custody, he was picked up from a lineup by a young woman who said he had kidnapped and raped her. After two hours of interrogation, the police gained a confession from Miranda, which was used against him at his trial. The Supreme Court threw out the confession because Miranda had not been advised of his right against self-incrimination, which is guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution.

Classified Odd. After nine police officers on a drug raid at an apartment building in Coventry, England, squeezed into an elevator made for eight, it stalled. The officers wound up being trapped for 45 minutes until resident Eddie Laidle heard their cries for help. "I told them I would call the police," he said, "and they shouted, 'We *are* the bloody police—get the fire brigade!'"

Think About It. How many days will it take you to count one billion pesos—one peso at a time? A little over 11,574 days if you counted one peso every second, day and night, day after day, year after year, without stopping. That's close to 32 years of counting money.

WORD WATCH

Milyon : from the Spanish *millon*, which, in turn, derives from the Latin *mille*, 'thousand.'

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Kagawaran ng Katarungan
(Department of Justice)
PAMBANSANG KAWANIHAN NG PAGSISIYASAT
(NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION)
Taft Avenue, Manila

Tanggapan ng Patnugot
Office of the Director

08 August 2001

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

The NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Manila invites interested Medium "A" and above contractors, preferably exposed and expert on interior works to apply for pre-qualification and to bid for the proposed RENOVATION OF NBI MAIN BLDG. LOBBY AND OTHERS, NBI Compound, Taft Avenue, Manila with an estimated cost of more than PESOS: FIVE MILLION (P 5,000,000.00).

Pre-qualification forms are available at the office of the PBAC Secretariat, Room 101 NBI Main Bldg., Taft Avenue, Manila.

Particulars:

Submission of accomplished Pre-qualification forms	starting August 9 to 15, 2001 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at PBAC Secretariat Room 101 NBI Main Building
Issuance of Bid Documents	August 24, 2001 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at PBAC Secretariat Room 101 NBI Main Building
Pre-Bid Conference	August 27, 2001 2:00 p.m., at NBI Training Room NBI Main Building
Schedule for submission and Opening of Bids	September 6, 2001 2:00 p.m. at NBI Training Room NBI Main Building

The Pre-qualification Statement (PRE-C), duly notarized, conform and be executed in the prescribed form and shall be under oath signifying their correctness and authenticity.

All particulars relative to Pre-qualification, Bid bond, Performance bond, Pre-bid Conference, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract shall be governed by the provisions of P.D. 1594 and its implementing Rules and Regulations.

The NBI reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **GEN. REYNALDO G. WYCOCO**
DIRECTOR

(PDI – Aug. 9, 12 & 14, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2

SUBJECT: PRESCRIBING THE ACCREDITATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES AND FABRICATORS OF SLAUGHTERHOUSE EQUIPMENT

Whereas, a Japanese-assisted project called "Abattoir Development Program" was designed to strengthen the implementation of the Medium Term Agricultural Plan through the establishment and upgrading of selected slaughterhouses in the country;

Whereas, after initial implementation of the Abattoir Development Program, it was noted that a sizable number of slaughterhouse projects cannot meet the accreditation standard of NMIC;

Whereas, the construction of slaughterhouses and installation of slaughter equipment is a specialized engineering field requiring familiarity with the slaughter process and circumstances.

Whereas, the failure to satisfy accreditation standards may be attributed to non-familiarity of the winning contractors and fabricators to the special requirement of slaughterhouse construction and equipment fabrication.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, I **LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR**, Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to Section 8 Chapter 2, Title IV, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, (otherwise known as Administrative Code of 1987), do hereby order that accreditation guidelines for slaughterhouse contractors and slaughterhouse equipment fabricators be formulated and implemented by the National Meat Inspection Commission (NMIC). Further, it is also ordered that only accredited contractors and fabricators shall be allowed to participate in the bidding of projects funded by the Abattoir Development Program of the Department of Agriculture.

The Executive Director of NMIC shall submit to the Office of the Secretary a quarterly report relative to the implementation of this Order.

Done this 30th day of July 2001.

(Sgd.) **LEONARDO Q. MONTEMAYOR**
Secretary

(PDI – Aug. 12, 2001)

Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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INVITATION TO BID
"AS-IS-WHERE-IS"

The Natural Resources Development Corporation will receive sealed bids on an "AS-IS-WHERE-IS" basis for the forest products described below:

LOCATION/ DEPOSITORY AREA	ESTIMATED VOLUME/ NO. OF PCS.,	SPECIES/ FORM
Brgy. Cabigaan, Aborlan, Palawan	689.21 cubic meters	Logs
Luzon Mahogany Timber Corp. (LUZMATIM) Brgy. Calumangin, Gumaca, Quezon	54.14 cubic meters	Assorted species (round logs)
Mr. Epifanio Bernardo Cmpd., Brgy. Sabang, Mauban, Quezon	77.46 cubic meters	Round logs
CENRO Cmpd., Real, Quezon	2,154.00 board feet	Assorted Lauan (logs & flitches)
CENRO Cmpd., Real, Quezon	1,849.00 board feet	Common Hardwood (lumber)
CENRO. Cmpd., Real, Quezon	8,358.00 board feet	Lauan (flitches)
Brgy. Kinanliman, Real, Quezon	5.32 cubic meters	Common Hardwood (logs)
BUNSACO Inc. Compd., Maug, Butuan City	66,011.00 board feet/ 21,021.00 pieces	Assorted species (lumber)
Freedom Woodcraft Cmpd., Butuan City	11,550.58 board feet/ 1,947 pieces	Lauan & Misc. species

Only legitimate log and lumber dealers, operators of sawmills, plywood and veneer plants shall be allowed to participate in the bidding.

Bidders are reminded:

1. To inspect the forest products to determine their actual condition before the bidding;
2. To submit Registration/Certification documents from DTI or SEC and PWPA;
3. To submit bid on NRDC official bid form available at the NRDC-PBAC Secretariat during office hours.
4. A bidder's bond equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the total bid price in the form of either Cash, Cashier's check or Manager's Check must be submitted together with bid.

Bidding Schedule:
Deadline for submission of pre-qualification documents : **August 20, 2001; 5:00 p.m.**
Schedule of Pre-bidding Conference **August 22, 2001; 2:00 p.m.**
Schedule of Bid Opening **August 27, 2001; 2:00 p.m.**
Place of Bidding NRDC-9th flr. DENR by the Bay Bldg., 1515 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

Automatic rebidding will be conducted on **September 3, 2001** at 2:00 p.m. in case the bidding fails due to insufficient number of participating bidders.

NRDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any formalities in connection thereto and accept such bids considered as most advantageous to NRDC and/or the government.

For inquiries call Telephone No. 521-9421 and Telefax 521-9466.

(Sgd.) **DIOGENES S. FERREZ**
Chairman, BAC

(PDI--Aug. 11, 12 & 13, 2001)

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Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development

COMMITTEE ON BIDS AND AWARDS
(INFRASTRUCTURE)

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Sealed bids for the furnishing of labor and materials for the **CONSTRUCTION OF CENTENARY FIELD HOUSE (COMPLETION OF PHASES I & II), UPLB, COLLEGE, LAGUNA** will be received at the Operations Room, Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna not later than **10:00 AM, October 02, 2001** at which place, time and date said bids will be publicly opened.

Interested bidders who wish to prequalify may obtain prequalification statement forms (PRE-C) at the Campus Planning and Development Office (CPDO), UPLB, College, Laguna from **August 13, 2001** to **August 17, 2001** and should submit the same not later than **August 22, 2001** to the CPDO, UPLB, College, Laguna. It is mandatory that the contractor presents the original copy (with a photocopy) of the current PCAB Contractor's License with the Integrated Certificate of Registration and Classification of Contractors for Government Infrastructure Projects for authentication.

The application for prequalificaiton is open to all local Filipino contractors who are registered, categorized and classified by PCAB as contractors for government infrastructure projects with Size Range (Category) and King of Project (Classification) as **Medium A - Building and Industrial Plant** with Specialty in **Medium A - Structural Steel Work** (Minimum Requirement).

Proposal forms and other related documents are available for issuance to qualified bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **PESOS THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS ONLY (P3,500.00)** per set of documents from **September 10, 2001** to **September 14, 2001** at the CPDO, UPLB, College, Laguna.

Site inspection will be conducted at **8:00 AM** and pre-bidding conference will be held at **9:30 AM** on **September 18, 2001** at the OVCPD, Abelardo G. Samonte Hall, UPLB, College, Laguna.

All particulars relative to prequalification, bid security, performance security, pre-bid conference, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of PD 1594 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations as amended on May 24, 2000 and July 05, 2000 and other applicable rules and regulations.

The U.P. Los Baños reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received and to accept such bids as may be considered most responsive and advantageous to the University.

(Sgd.) **CASIANO. S. ABRIGO, JR.**
Vice Chancellor
and
Chairman

(PDI – Aug. 12, 2001)

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National Power Corporation

Date : August 8, 2001
Reference No. :

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. Project : **Sp01.BTRP.Lt-0328, Construction and Erection of Batangas Transmission Reinforcement Project.**
   - **- Schedule I - San Lorenzo S/Y - Batangas S/S, 230 kV DC/ST/SP**
   - **- Schedule III - Mak-Ban - Calamba # 51 230 kV DC/ST**
2. The contract to be performed by the successful bidder shall consist of furnishing all construction plant, labor, materials, supplies, tools and equipment (except materials and equipment specified to be furnished by NPC), constructing complete the said transmission line.
3. Initial Cost Estimate for the Contract to be Bid:
   - **Schedule I - P 94.00 M**
   - **Schedule III - P 122.00 M**
4. Application for Eligibility is open to Filipino contractors with the following valid License and Registration Particulars issued by PCAB
   License Particular:
   - **Schedule I - Category AAA - Electrical Works**
   - **Schedule III - Category AAA - Electrical Works**

   Registration Particular:
   - **Schedule I - Large B - Specialty: Electrical Works**
   - **Schedule III - Large B - Specialty: Electrical Works**
5. Application for Eligibility and Eligibility Forms will be available for issuance starting August 13, 2001 at the Bids and Contracts Management Department, Second Floor, Building No. 2, NPC-OBC, National Power Corporation, Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1104, Telefax No.: 921-2308 upon presentation of Letter of Intent, original PCAB License and a payment of non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 per copy.
6. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility Forms documents and statements shall be on before August 24, 2001 and shall be submitted at the registration office and address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.

Cor. Quezon Avenue & Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines 1100
Telephone: (632) 921-3541 to 921-3580 Facsimile: (632) 921-2468; 924-5464
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(PDI - Aug. 12 & 14, 2001)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila
Tel. Nos.: 711-9502/03; 743-8301 to 23 local 1107, 1125

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date: August 3, 2001
Loan No.: 3852 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the cost of Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Office Equipment and Supplies.
2. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of office equipment and supplies for the Department of Health.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the Procurement and Logistics Service (PLS), Building No. 26, San Lazaro Compound, Department of Health, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Facsimile No. (632) 711-6831.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased starting August 13, 2001 to September 3, 2001 by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Philippine Peso Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00).
5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents, Procurement of Goods.
6. Bids must be delivered to the Department of Health, Multimedia Conference Room, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila on or before 2:00 PM on September 4, 2001 and must be accompanied by a security in the form of bank guarantee, irrevocable letter of credit, cash, cashier's or certified check of 2.5% of the bid amount.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on August 22, 2001 at the Multimedia Conference Room, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, 2:00 PM at the address indicated above.
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 2:00 PM on September 4, 2001 at the Multimedia Conference Room, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.
9. The Department of Health hereby receives the right to reject any or all bids without disclosing any reason, to waive any minor defects or infirmities and to accept such bid as may be considered advantageous to DOH and to the local health units.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, M.D., MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Central Office Bids and Award Commitiee

(PDI – Aug. 5, 11 & 12, 2001)

BAYANTEL

INVITATION TO BID

Equipment for Sale	One (1) Local Exchange Switch (SEIMENS EMS 601N TELEPHONE SWITCH)
Minimum Bid Price	**P30,805,390.00**
Location	BayanTel Warehouse, Luz Village, Butuan City. 8600

EQUIPMENT DETAILS

8 EMS 601N Switches
Combined Capacity = 3500
Combined Trunk Capacity = 1050
Type: Digital PABX

Details:
8 Cabinets: With individual capacity of
656; 592; 680; 680; 336; 256; 150; 150lines respectively
With individual trunk capacity of:
180; 150; 210; 210; 210; 30; 30; 30 respectively

Accessories:
9 Units Rectifier charger, DC 48/30A
4 units Booth Attendant Console
IDF (Intermediate Distribution Frame)
3 cabinets with power supply: DCS 1000s

The management of Bayantel: Northern Mindanao would like to invite interested parties to bid on its Seimens EMS 601N Digital Telephone Switch with a capacity of 3,500 lines.

Date of Bidding **October 1, 2001**
Time of Bidding 2:00 p.m.
Venue of Bidding 4/F BAYANTEL BUILDING, M. CALO ST., BUTUAN CITY

The terms of the bidding are as follows:

- Sealed bids shall be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. on **September 28, 2001**.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Manager/Cashiers Check drawn in favor of Bayan Telecommunications, Inc. (Bayantel) in the amount equivalent to 10% of the bid price (the "bid bond").
- Winning Bidder shall pay the bid price within five (5) days from the notice of the award; otherwise the bid shall be forfeited.
- Sale shall be on a "as is where is basis".
- Switch shall be pulled-out only after full payment of bid price.
- Cost to dismantle an transport the switch from BayanTel's premises shall be for bidder's account.
- Any and all taxes, if any, due on the sale or to effect transfer of title to the switch in the name of the bidder shall be for bidders account.
- Bayantel reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason whatsoever.
- Cost of maintenance and storage shall be added to the winning bid price if item remains unclaimed by the winning bidder after seven (7) days from notice of winning bid.

☐ **For inquiries, request for ocular inspection and bidding forms, please call the Office of the General Manager at (85) 341-1515 look for Mr. Sonny Montilla.**

(PDI - Aug. 5 & 12. 2001)

AUCTION SALE

On the instructions of Pfizer

PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING MACHINERY; LABORATORY EQUIPMENT; ELCTRODIALYSIS; REVERSAL SYSTEM; CATERPILLAR 1375KVA DIESEL GENERATOR; PALLET RACKING; OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Over 1,000 lots including: -

PRODUCTION MACHINERY - AMF Glen 340 85 Gallon Cap. Mixer; STOKES Stainless Steel Ribbon Blender, READCO Heavy Duty Mixer; DIAF Stainless Steel Pan Mixer; DAB Filamatic Liquid Filling Machine; MTC INVERTA Cleaner Table; AEROMATIC Fluid Bed Dryer w/ In-Line Exhaust; KAIJO DENKI 600 Thyristor; CHASE Powder Filing Machine; ERTEL Stainless Steel Filter System; HOTPACK Stainless Steel Oven; WALTER BRUCK Coating Pan

PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT - (2) 5000, 2000, 900 Litre Stainless Steel Mixing Tanks; Asstd. Stainless Steel Mixing Vessels; Stainless Steel Drum, Portable Mixing Vessels, Transfer Pumps, Mobile Platforms, Mobile Belt Conveyors, Transfer Conveyors, Work Surfaces, Platforms, etc.

LABORATORY - SHIMADZU GC Gas Chromatograph; PERKIN ELMER Spectrophotometer; WALTER Liquid Chromatograph; (2) WALTERS 510 HPLC Pumps; WALTERS 490 E/431 Programmable Multiwave Detectors; BECKMAN 12F4B Aquameter; VANKEL Friabilator; MIRAN IB2 Air Analyzer; SKC Sample Calibrator; HANSON 6460 Heat Circulator; HOTPACK Vacuum Oven; LABCONCO Acid Cleaning System; LABLINE Oven; BECKMAN 3500 Digital PH Meter; BLUE M Muffle Furnace; HACH Turbidimeter; ENGELSMANN Volumeter; BARREL Wrist Action Shaker; LABLINE Multi Magnestir; AQUA Q Water Purification System; BF PERKINS Mullen Tester; Asstd. Digital Scales; Stainless Steel Storage Cabinets; Stereo Zoom Microscopes; Asstd. Glassware, Chemicals, etc.

ELECTRODIALYSIS REVERSAL SYSTEM - PENFIELD Electrodialysis Reversal System Comprising: - (2) Multi Filters, Activated Carbon Filter, AQUAFINE Ultra Violet Sterilizer; Heat Exchanger, FINN AQUA 500 H4 Distillation Unit, Ultra Filtration Unit, PENFIELD Polishing Cation Unit, PENFIELD Primary Cation Anion, Demineralization, EDR Product Storage Tank

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date: August 3, 2001
Loan No.: 3852 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the cost of Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the Supply and Delivery of Laboratory and Medical Equipment and Supplies.
2. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of laboratory and medical office equipment and supplies for the Department of Health.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the Procurement and Logistics Service (PLS), Building No. 26, San Lazaro Compound, Department of Health, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Facsimile No. (632) 711-6831.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased starting August 13, 2001 to September 3, 2001 by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Philippine Peso Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00).
5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents, Procurement of Goods.
6. Bids must be delivered to the Department of Health, Multimedia Conference Room, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila on or before 2:00 PM on September 4, 2001 and must be accompanied by a security in the form of bank guarantee, irrevocable letter of credit, cash, cashier's or certified check of 2.5% of the bid amount.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on August 22, 2001 at the Multimedia Conference Room, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, 2:00 PM at the address indicated above.
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 2:00 PM on September 4, 2001 at the Multimedia Conference Room, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.
9. The Department of Health hereby receives the right to reject any or all bids without disclosing any reason, to waive any minor defects or infirmities and to accept such bid as may be considered advantageous to DOH and to the local health units.

(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, M.D., MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Central Office Bids and Award Commitiee

(PDI – Aug. 5, 11 & 12, 2001)

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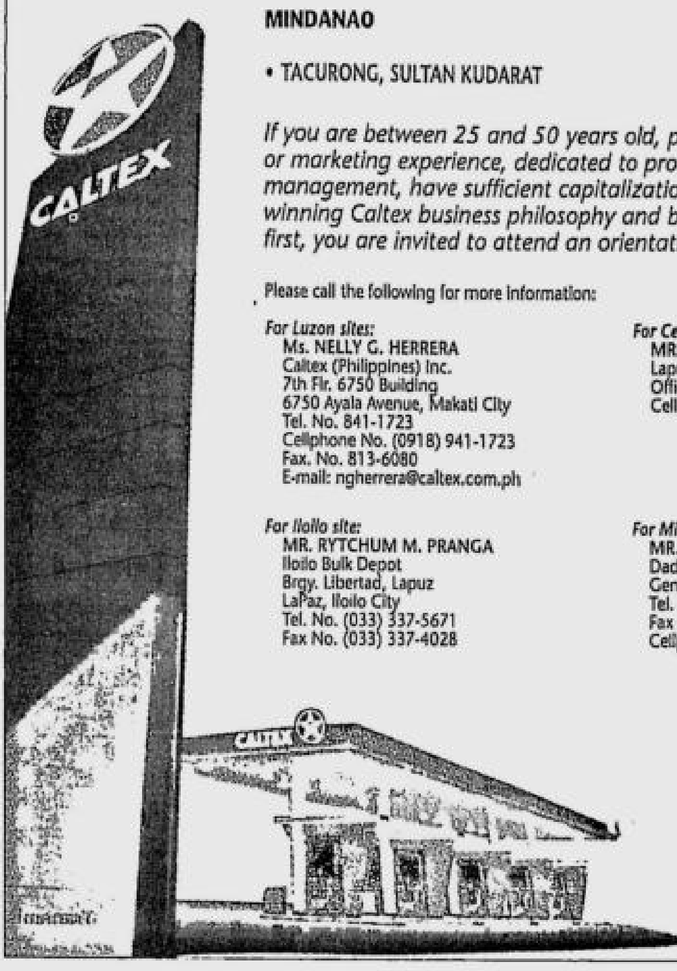

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4.	Bidding various Drugs & Medicines	8:00 AM	8/28/01	Pasig Livelihood
5.	Bidding various Office Supplies	To be announced (TBA)		

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(Sgd.) **REYNALDO C. CASEÑAS**
City General Services Officer

(PDI - August 12, 2001)

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(PDI--Aug. 12, 2001)

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4) Res'l T'house. 2-storey, 2 BR, 2 TB w/ terrace & garage / Unit 1-E, Don Damaso T'homes Don Antonio Heights Subdivision, Q.C. LA-34.6 FA-55.29	955,000
ANTIPOLO	
5) Res. H & L – 1 storey & 2 storey Bldgs. / 1906 Valley Golf Drive (Don Celso Tuazon Avenue) Valley Golf Subd., Antipolo LA-2,060 TFA-518.53	8,280,000
6) Res'l T'house. 2-storey w/ 2 BR, 2 TB / L 41 B 7, Woodland Avenue, Palmera Woodland Subd., Bo. Mayamot LA-42 FA-49	495,000
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10) Res.Bldg-2sty,4TB w/ terr / L16 B2, Yakal St, F.Agapito Subd, Santolan LA -245 FA - 404	3,589,000
LAGUNA	
11) Vacant Lot / Lot 93, Blk 7 Road Lot 13 Caliraya RealtySubd, Bgy.Lewin,Lumban LA-886	600,000
CAINTA	
12) Res'l H & L - split level res.l bldg., 4 BR, 1 TB, w/ garrage / Lot 16-B Blk 14, Board Walk Drive, Park Place Subd., Cainta LA-150 FA-207	2,354,000
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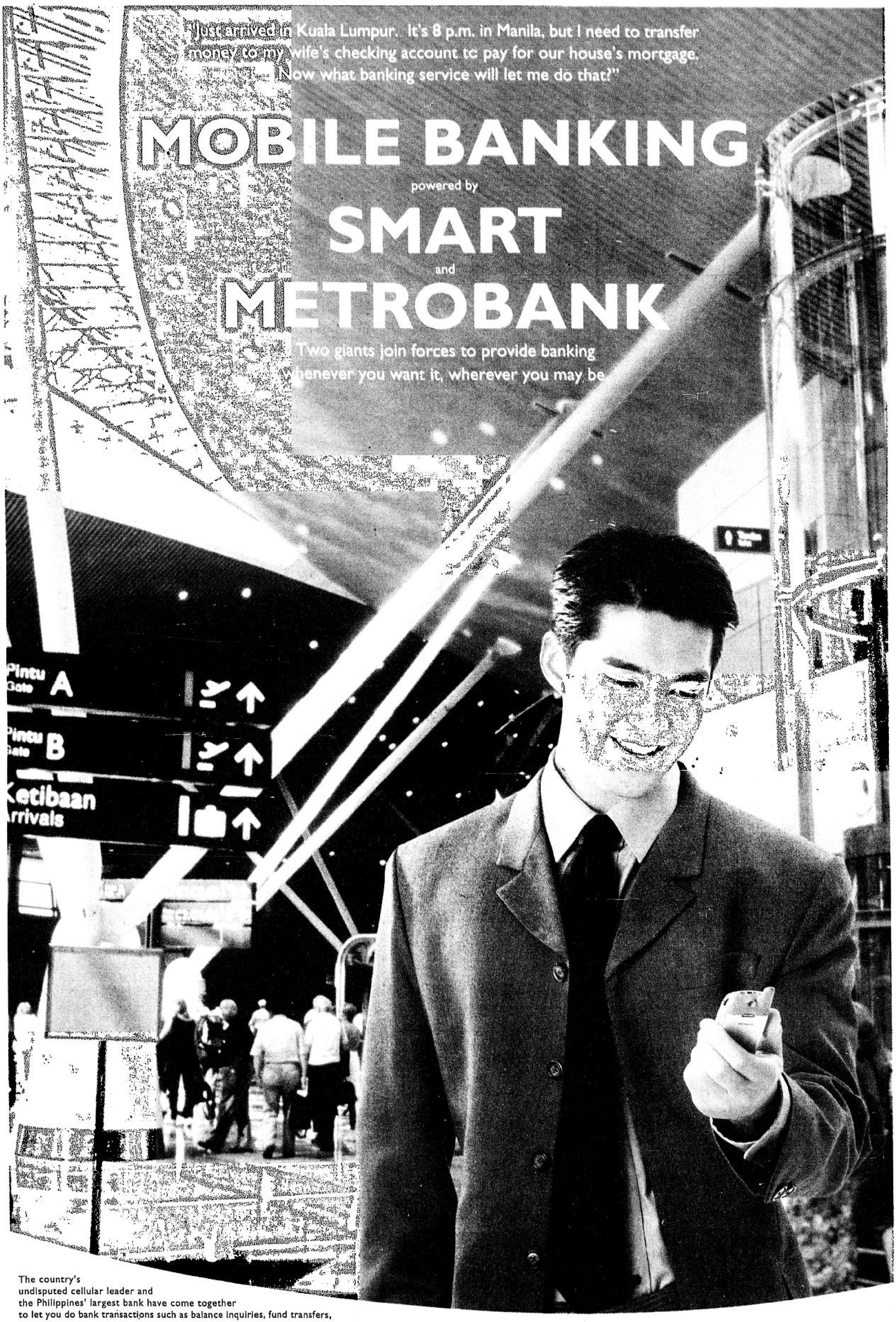
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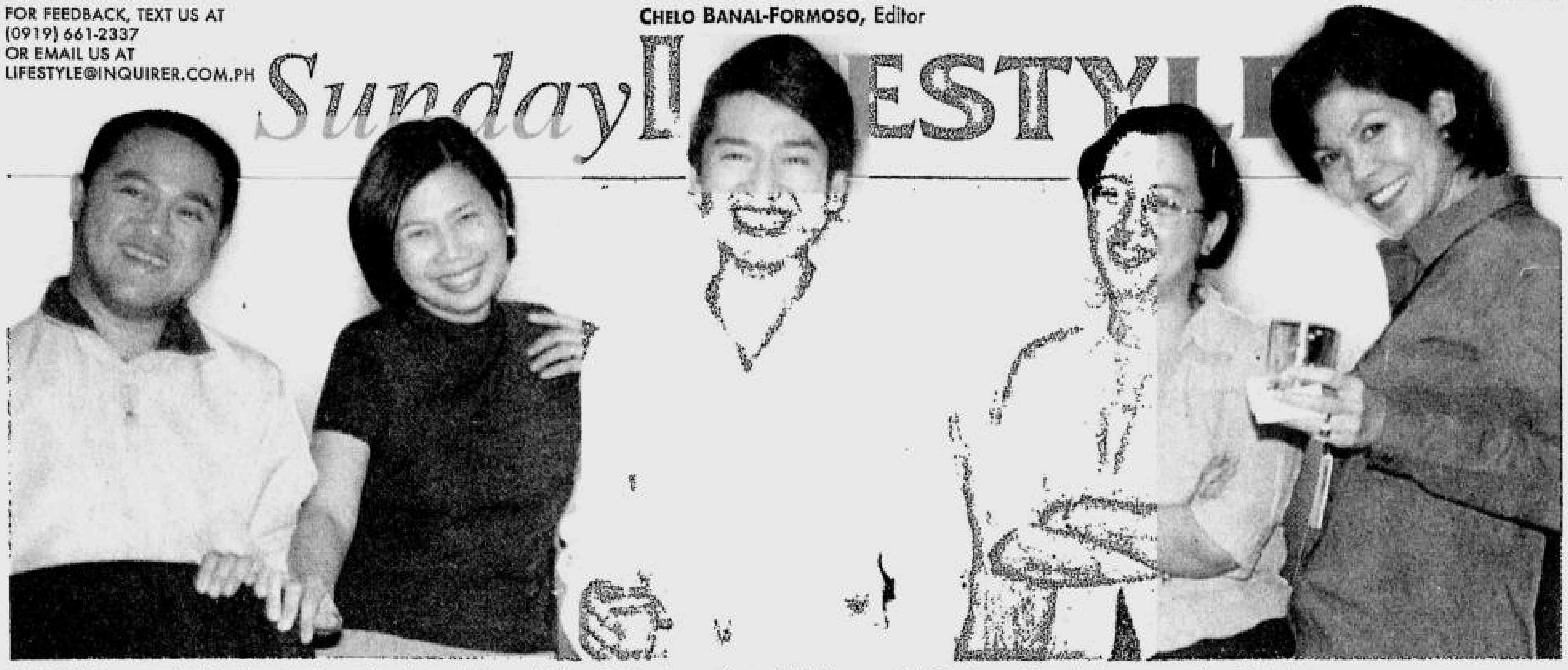

A LIGHT moment with the creative directors of Lowe Lintas & Partners: (from left) Nonon del Carmen, Chachu Lascano, Raul Castro, Malou Dulce and Adele Estrada

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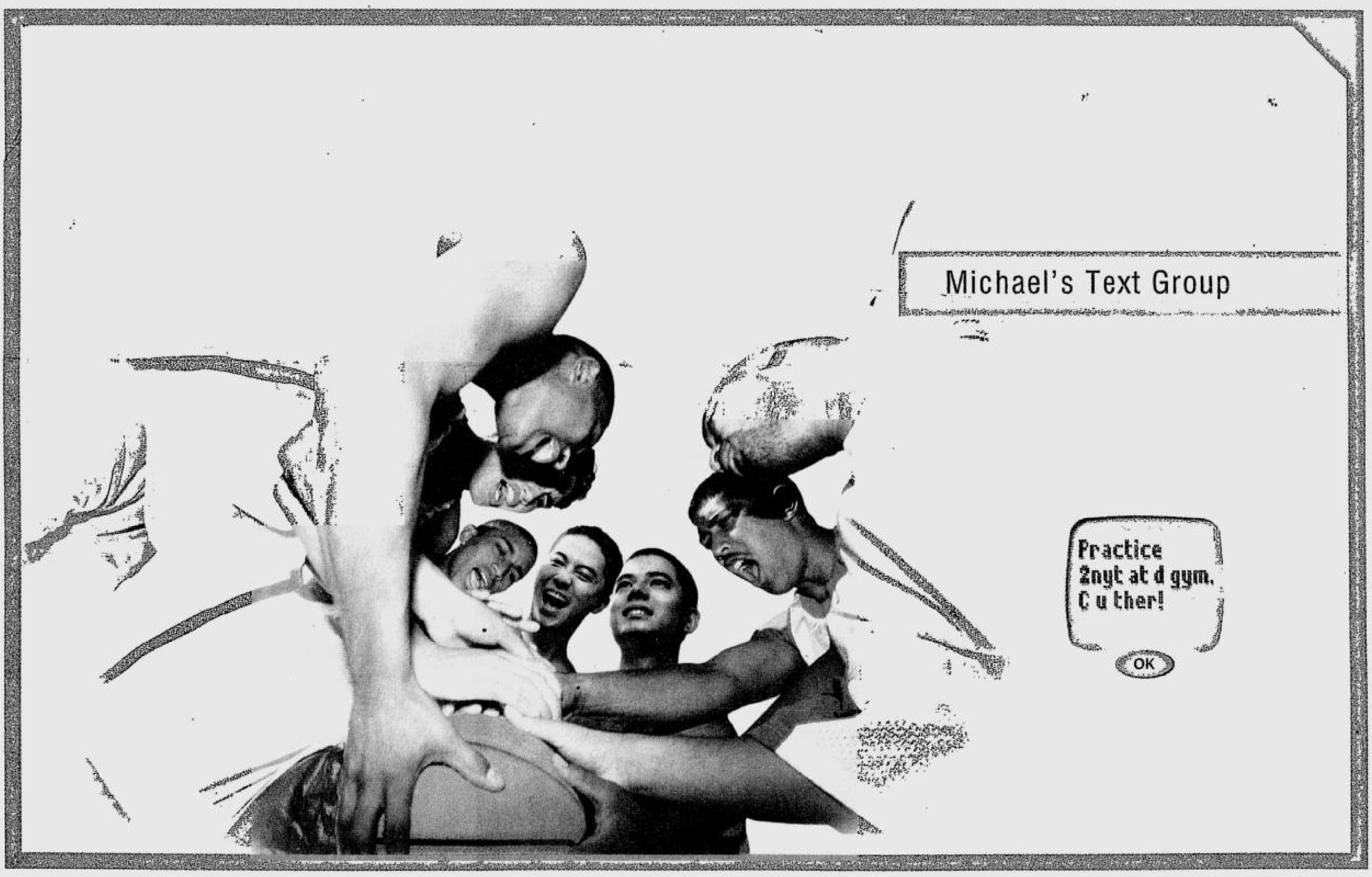

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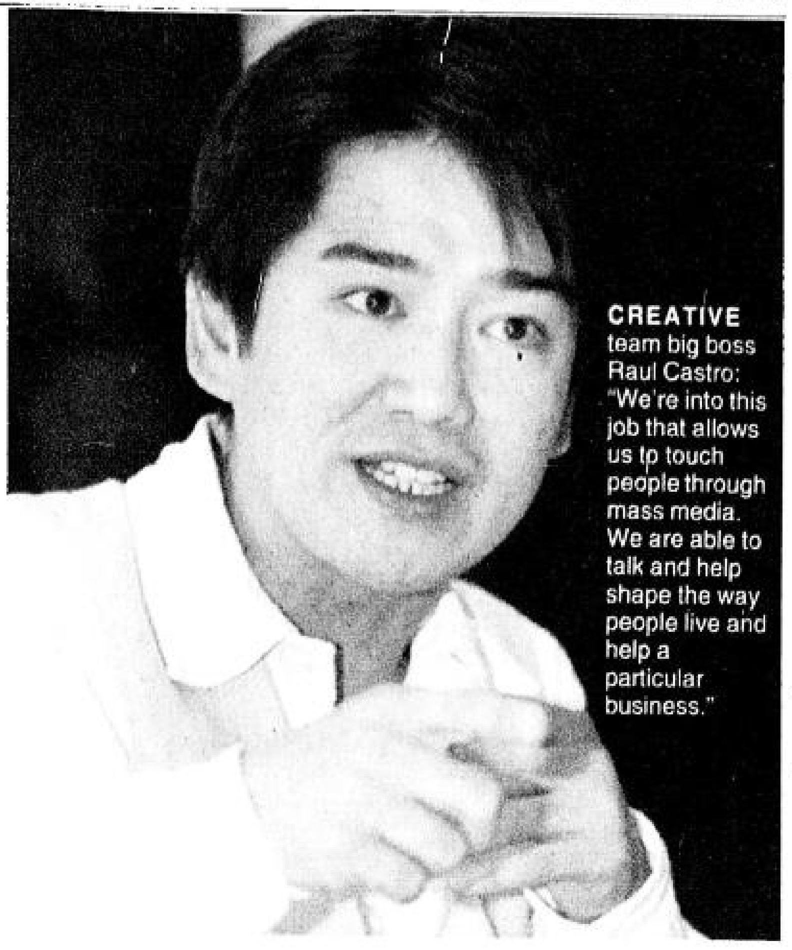
The people and the passion behind those ads



CREATIVE team big boss Raul Castro: "We're into this job that allows us to touch people through mass media. We are able to talk and help shape the way people live and help a particular business."

BY VANGIE BAGA-REYES
PHOTOS BY ROMY HOMILLADA

ORDINARY television watchers know only two kinds of commercials—the good and the bad. But true-blue TV fans even categorize the "good ones" into two classes: One that really impresses you with its design and concept, and one that simply irritates you. Strictly speaking, they are both good because they succeed in one thing—getting your attention.

That is what commercials are all about. They are not just mere bathroom breaks for your favorite primetime shows. They are there to sell products and services. And the first step is to make an ad eye-catching enough to capture potential consumers, who would otherwise welcome the break to get something from the ref.

It's never easy to do a commercial.

The advertisements, which include radio and print ads, run from 15-60 seconds on TV. They are products of long, painstaking work by creative people known in advertising as, well, creative directors. They hatch ideas, brainstorm, prepare presentations for their clients, who then submit the final product to the "ultimate judge," the consumers.

CHACHU Lascano feels being in advertising is a test of one's stamina.

"That is our target because in the end the consumers are the ultimate judge," says Raul Castro, vice president-executive of the creative department of Lowe Lintas & Partners, which is responsible for Surf's "Lumen—Wais na Misis" and Vaseline Shampoo's "Mommy Ko 'Yan!" campaigns. "Time and again we have had campaigns that have moved people and have shaken the market."

So how do these people go about creating commercials?

"You must first know the target market," says Chachu Lascano, one of Raul's creative directors. "Before we start a campaign, we have brand planners check the consumer pulse. From there, we do strategies that will guide us into a creative proposition. Then we start to pitch ideas based on our exposure to the consumers. Like what they think of the product and what interests them most."

The best commercials make lasting impressions on people. People in turn easily relate to them. "The biggest mistake you'll make is doing a commercial without knowing who you're talking to, what kind of barrier you have to overcome and what advertising objective you want to achieve," says Raul.

Meaning they must determine the status of the product in the market—it's vital in the kind of commercial they will do and the manner with which the advertising should be done.

"For instance, here's a brand, is it No. 1 or No. 2 in the market? And what is your objective in becoming No. 1?" Raul asks. "Given the business objective, we then find out how advertising can help or achieve the business interest. But not all objectives can be solved by advertising. You have to have a very specific and realistic objective. I hope, for example, to convince people or make people see the goodness of this product versus the leading brand."

From there, they determine what hot buttons of the consumers they can press. And that's the interesting part. "Doing that would entail research and interviews to find out exactly the particular interest of the consumers. You must know what's going on in their heads. You must immerse yourself in their lifestyle," he adds.

One time, the group went to market armed only with P200, which according to their brand planners, was the usual budget of a regular-income family for two days. What do you think a person would buy with P200 for a family of four? That's the kind of stuff Raul and his group need to understand.

Adele Victorino-Estrada, another creative director, says: "Our working hours are endless. We take home our work. You don't stop thinking about it because it's in your head. For instance, most people see a movie to be entertained. We are doing research and observing while watching. It's like you're working on your project all the time. I think that is what's different about our work, I don't think you want to stop thinking about it once you get obsessed with it. Once you cleared it, that becomes a challenge. You're work

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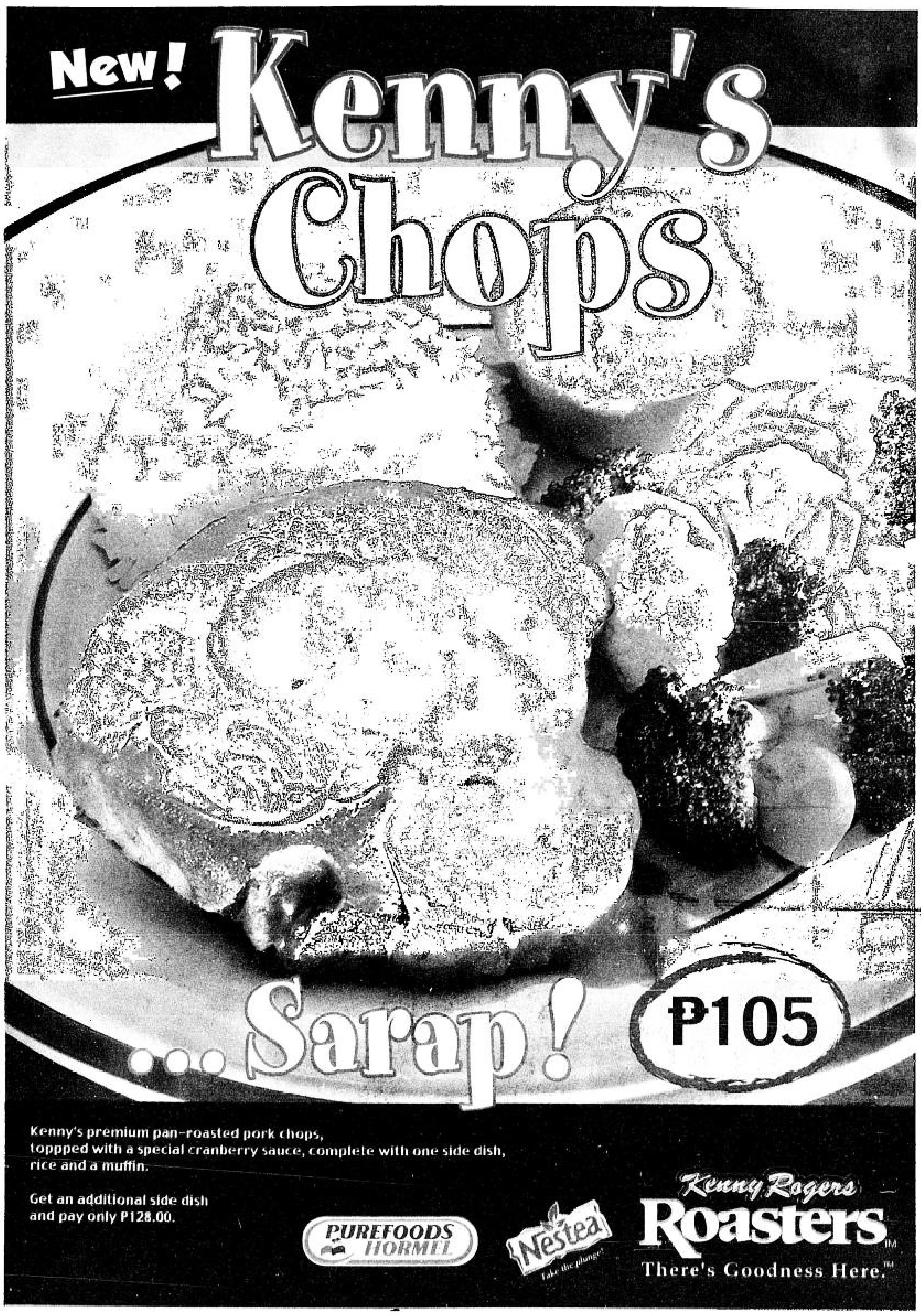

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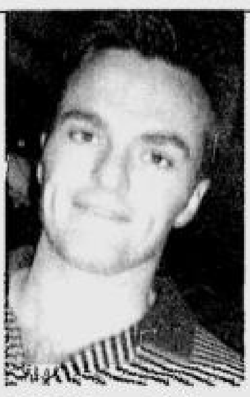
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There's no business like the music business

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Raul Teehankee

THERE'S no business like the music business since octogenarian chair of Viacom, **Sumner Redstone**, bought MTV Worldwide. Of course, we can't count Michael Jackson or Madonna out having changed the way we listen to and visualize our musical preferences.

Over here, MTV Philippines has gotten so popular, they even host great parties with lots of food, drinks and audio-visual awards. **Francis Lumen**, who heads the NBC company that runs MTV Pilipinas, makes sure they do so with a lot of style, interesting guests and great music.

The party at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel Ballroom was easily the party of the quarter and we had a great time eating, drinking and singing. We even survived the party by meeting "Survivors" stars **Joel** and **Gilbert** who are in town filming a movie.

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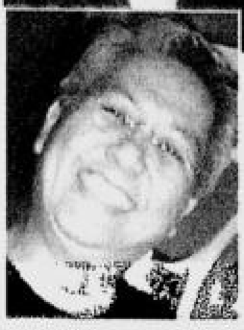
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The people and the passion behind those ads

ADELE Estrada keeps an old notebook where she notes down her ideas.

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ing all the time... or you're not thinking about the project until the day before, but everything that you have absorbed, everything you unconsciously thought about over that last two weeks will all come in a single, spontaneous moment.''

Sleep on it

It's a different story with Nonon del Carmen when it comes to conceiving ideas. "I sleep on it," says Nonon, who goes home early according to his team. "I read a document, absorb it and sleep. Then, I wake up in the wee hours like 2 a.m. and that's when I do the thinking. If I'm well rested my ideas come together."

Malou has her own style: "We tend to work from the proposition which our brand planners and account managers have worked on. We start from there, we start from knowing more about the consumer. We really talk to people on the street, people in the marketplace or women doing their laundry. We ask them what they think. In my experience, the little clues are already there. You don't go far from there. There are little insights that you can build on and create stories about. They say when you're with a creative team you invent. But we don't invent. We just build on things we know about people."

Raul adds: "For instance, in Surf's tag-line '*Marunong sa buhay,*' that was already there or maybe they (housewives) said it in a different way. But, they've said it themselves.''

Adele keeps an old notebook where she notes down her ideas. "If I'm on the street and see a unique scene, though it doesn't mean anything at that moment but has a nice angle, I write it down. Or, somewhere, someone says a line that sounds cool and good that I'll never get to hear every day, I write it down for future use. I always write down what I have to do."

At the end of the day, of course, it is Raul who has the last say. "We also believe that none of us is smarter than all of us. There are ideas that are passable, but there are ideas that come with a boom. The problem is you don't know when the boom comes. But, sometimes, having worked together for a long time with our group, the idea just pops up."

Handling rejections

Unfortunately, not all their ideas end up in the final cut. Most of them, they admit, are go straight to the wastebasket.

Chachu agrees: "I think advertising is the test of one's stamina. One day, you're happy because your idea is approved, but for the next three days you're sad because the rest of your work is rejected.''

"With (the) creative (department), maybe our boss loves it, our client's middle managers love it, but their bosses totally hate it, so it's as good as dead,'' says Adele.

As far as Raul is concerned, he has to think of quality control. "You must realize that whatever the idea is, the client will be pumping in million of pesos to air it. You cannot afford to be whimsical. Whatever the client says, your first responsibility is to make sure that what you're going to present the client is only the best work the agency can come up."

Malou adds, "Before an idea is approved, maybe 99 other ideas are disapproved. But, that's the way it is.''

Adele says, "Of course, there's pain involved. Sometimes, it's better if your idea gets rejected, at least, it died a dignified death. But, if you have a good idea and it goes through "*dagdag-bawas,*'' before you know it, you won't recognize your work anymore. It becomes mutant.''

Yet Raul is quick to explain: "It's understandable that your piece goes through different hands, including research, before the client says 'okay pump in P300 million for the whole year to push that idea.' That's why self-discipline is important. "

What it takes

You don't enter the advertising world thinking that you will be the next Steven Spielberg or Lino Brocka. It is not, according to Raul, the stepping stone to a movie career.

"They (applicants) could have come from the best schools or not gone to school at all, and still might be of help to me," says Raul. "To me,

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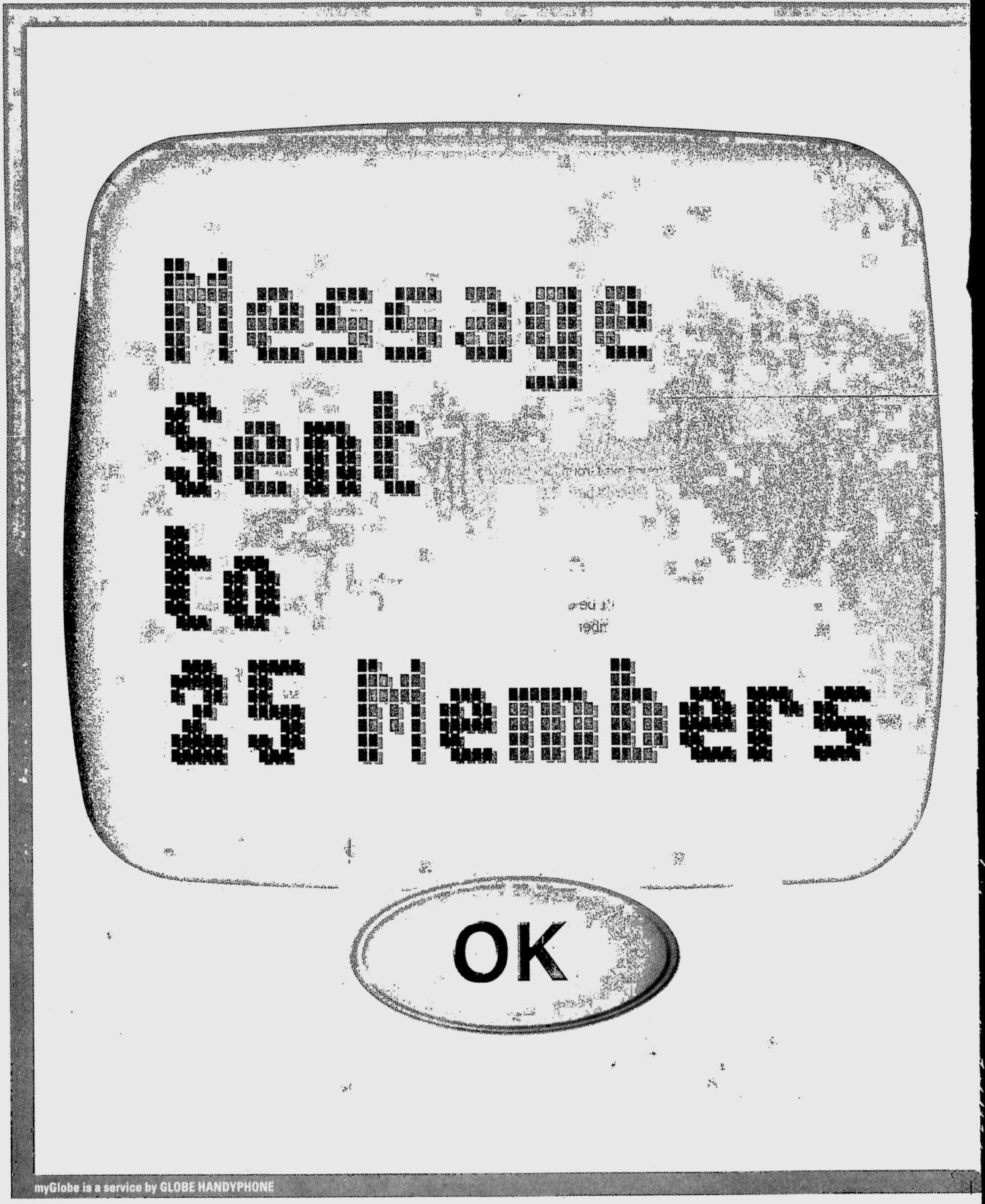

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The people and the passion behind those ads

NONON del Carmen reads a document, absorbs it and sleeps on it.

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a creative person does not necessarily mean you have to be eccentric. Eccentric people don't like to work."

In fact, people who fancy themselves as eccentric are a big turn-off. "Some people think that just because they shaved their heads, they are already creative," adds Malou.

"Some of our best people are people who don't even say a word. But, I think you must really have a genuine passion for people. You must be interested in people, on how they behave or speak or think or feel. If you're more involved with yourself, it means you will be less involved with others. How can you write about other people when all you think about is yourself?" says Raul.

Creativity should be innate, echoes Malou. "Usually, what people learn from school doesn't necessarily translate to something that they can use when they join advertising. In my experience, you have to let go of the things you know. You have to be open to new ideas."

Lowe Lintas & Partners conducts in-house training programs for its copywriters, through the Lowe Lintas University, which teaches the basics of advertising, like mass media, financial planning, account planning and presentation. Once in a while, they also travel abroad to take part in creative seminars organized by the Lowe Lintas group.

Lowe Lintas & Partners is the youngest among the top five advertising agencies in the Philippines. The agency has been distinguished for its sweep of the 1996 Annual Creative Guild competition, where it won all three major awards for television, radio and print advertising.

More recently, Lowe Lintas won the Philippine Ad Congress' 1999 Award of Excellence for its Surf campaign. It is also a two-time winner of the Best in Market Performance category in the Agency of the Year Awards competition for 1999 and 2000. The agency has also been cited in international competitions, such as the New York Film Festival, the London International Advertising Awards and the Telly Awards.

The high

Yet, these creative people do not want to rest on their laurels. Instead, they vow to continue churning out fresh concepts every day. What motivates them?

"When I walk around and hear people talk about the ad, I experience a certain high,'' says Malou. "It happened to me. I was queuing up in a drug store and the kid behind was bugging her mom to buy Vaseline Amino Collagen Shampoo because she saw it on TV. 'Mommy, buy this one for me. I want my hair to glow.' They don't even know that it was my commercial. For me, that's the best form of admiration."

For Adele it's different. "Once we produce it and it's on air, I don't even bother to watch it anymore. I already did the part that I enjoyed most, which was creating it. That's the part I get the high from—the act of writing it, the act of brainstorming it.''

Raul puts it perfectly: "I think nothing compares to having created something that people talk about. An idea that you produce, and especially when your clients acknowledge you. It's wonderful. We never think of ourselves as God's gift to this world, but we achieve that in our own small way. We're in this job that allows you to touch people through mass media. We are able to talk and help shape the way people live and help a particular business."

And so, next time you see an advertisement—whether on TV, radio or print—think twice before you switch dials. Pay some attention. A great deal of work went into it.

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MALOU Dulce gets a certain high when she hears people talking about their ads.

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An '80s favorite returns and it's par for the course

BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA

Tiger Woods wannabes have restored the mini golf lifestyle

FINALLY, an alternative to malling comes—returns rather—to Metro Manila.

Back in the mid-1980s, mini golf was one of the main forms of recreation for young and old alike. The top mini golf course back then was Par 42 at Mile Long Arcade, which drew crowds from mid-afternoon until evening, from the farthest point in Quezon City in the north to Alabang in the south. Other establishments opened in other parts of the metropolis and, in a matter of years, mini golf courses could be found in most key cities of Metro Manila. However, as with most trends, it died a natural death in the early 1990s.

Golf 2001

Fast forward to the year 2001. Juanmi Laurel, together with family and friends, put up Mini-Ventures Inc. and quietly opened Par 43 Mini Golf and Snack Bar in Fort Bonifacio, across from the NBC Tent in mid-April this year. Right beside it is a franchise of the very popular Dencio's Grill, a sister establishment of Par 43.

THE AUTHOR'S daughter, Pia Guballa, tries a shot à la Delasin.

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THE AUTHOR'S son, Leon Guballa, is boss for a day among the greens.

"Fifteen years ago it was an entirely different generation that indulged in the joys of mini golf. Nowadays, we get a whole new crowd with ages ranging from 6 to 50," Laurel, president of Mini-Ventures told us that balmy afternoon.

True. Back in 1986, my college friends and I would hie off to the old Par 42 at Mile Long. Today, my so-called "golfing" days over, it's my 10-year-old who gets a high from playing rounds of golf with her father who willingly indulges her.

Sitting at the snack bar with a favorite book, or shooting the breeze with an old friend, makes for a relaxing afternoon while the children navigate the challenges of the 18-hole mini golf course. Fort Bonifacio is ideal—the air remains fresh, there are wide, open spaces and if you go in the late afternoons, hassle-free parking.

Diverse group

It is a diverse group that finds its way to Fort Bonifacio's newest crowd drawer. When the mini golf course and snack bar opens in the afternoons, one can find young children or families standing in line, awaiting their turn for a round of mini golf. In the evenings, when the kids have left, the course becomes filled with young professionals and college students out on a date or just looking for fun.

"It's really more interactive than just sitting in a cinema," Laurel points out. Not to mention that it costs about the same, too. A round of golf, played for about an hour or so, costs P130 per person on weekends, and slightly lower at P100 per on weekdays.

The course can accommodate 72 persons at any given time. Noticeably, there are a lot of foreigners who flock to Par 43. Its resort-like ambiance with a touch of the African Savannah is perhaps what draws them to the place. "Even the French chefs of nearby Le Soufflé like to unwind here and at Dencio's in between lunch and dinner," Laurel tells us.

Dining in the putt

Eating on the golf course itself is not allowed, but golfers can always quench their thirst or satisfy their hunger pangs at the snack bar where food as varied as spaghetti, *tapa*, Korean beef, nachos, spring rolls, French fries, *siomai*, burgers and much more are offered. Fresh fruit shakes, ice cream, soft drinks, beer and, would you believe, flavored *lambanog* are available at the snack bar whose dining area can accommodate a maximum of 130 persons.

"We've had a lot of kiddie parties here lately," Laurel adds, "even the not so young have had the area closed off for their private parties." Not surprising, since Par 43 is run by the same group which also owns the Kids at Work play centers where children's parties are almost a daily event. Party packages normally include a round of golf, food, invitations, a prize and a gift for the celebrant.

If you want heavier meals, you could easily hie off to nearby Dencio's, which is a hop and a skip away from Par 43 and partly owned by the same people behind the mini golf course. At Dencio's, the crowd is slightly upscale as families from Forbes Park and Dasmariñas have their weekend lunches and dinners there.

With a tropical ambiance, indoor and outdoor dining, and prices that are oh-so-reasonable, Dencio's and Par 43 certainly shatter the myth that the Fort is an expensive place to hang out. Difficult times dictate innovation, and these two new places prove that.

Contact Par 43 at 887-2754 or 887-2781 for inquiries and operating hours.

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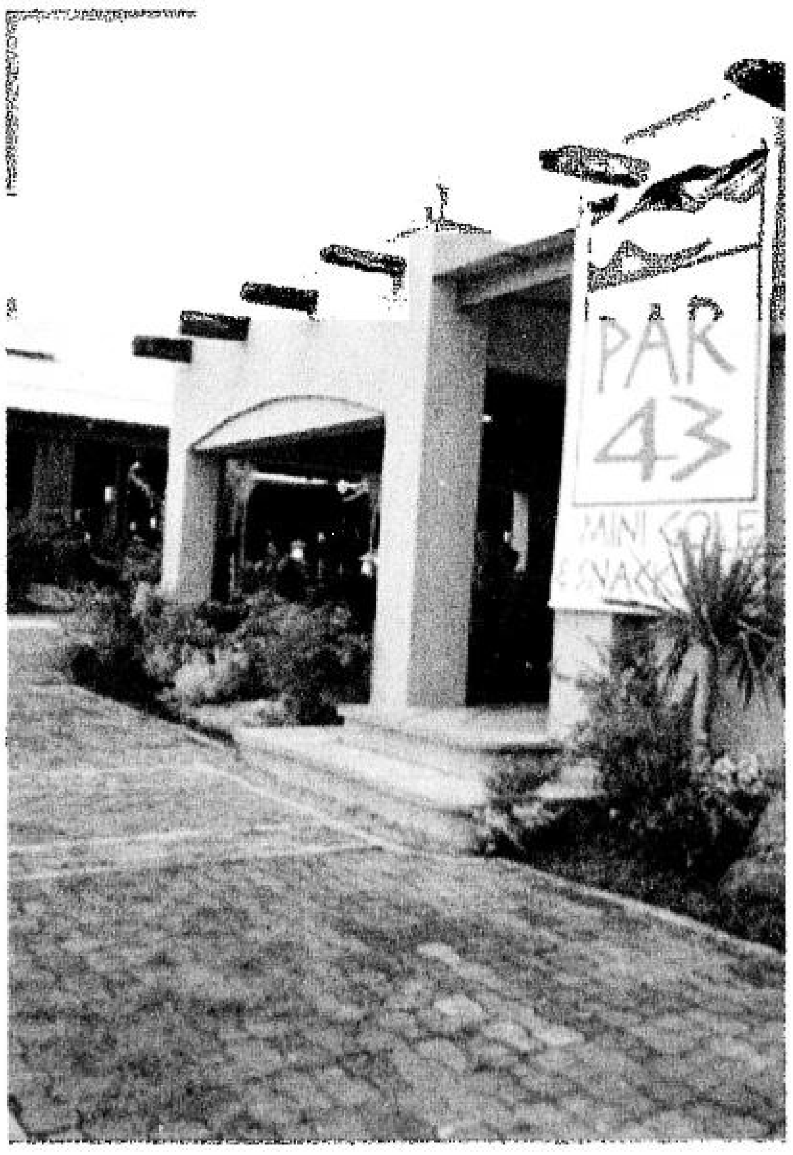

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Question: Circle the premiere dates of the following Star Wars movies:

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People, Events & Products

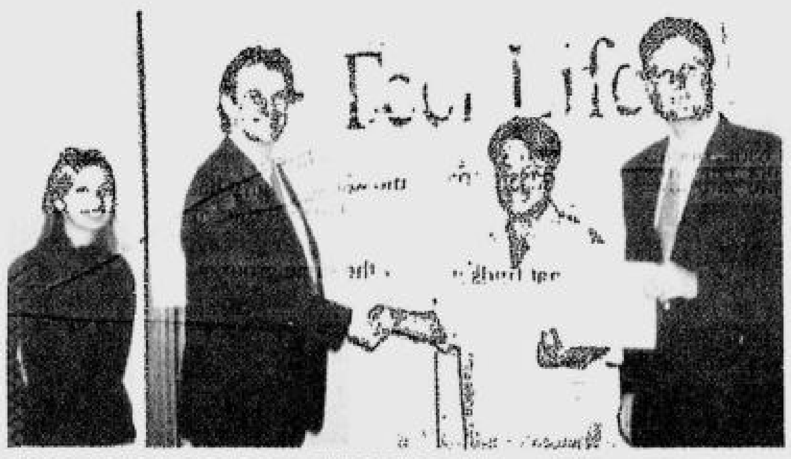
Ifuw triennial confab in Canada

THE INTERNATIONAL Federation of University Women (Ifuw) is holding its 27th Triennial Conference in Ottawa, Canada from August 10-17. Host for this year is the Canadian Federation of University Women. The Ifuw triennial study and action program, globalization: connections through education, provides the overall theme for the conference. The program includes prominent speakers, interdisciplinary seminars, workshops, reports on advocacy and action, discussions on resolutions, business and plenary sessions on a wide range of issues.

Dr. Teresita U. Quirino, president of the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) and the Philippine Association of University Women (PAUW), the Philippine affiliate of Ifuw, will present a paper on "A Study of Female Students in the Chemical and Civil Engineering Courses in the Technological Institute of the Philippines" and the "Resolutions on Human Rights". Dr. Gloria Alberto, board member of PAUW, will participate in the base camp residential training program.

NBA FINALS' PARTY WINNER

Laker fan Gilbert Dueñas got the next best thing to watching his basketball idols play live in at the Staples Center with ESPN's NBA Finals 2001 party held recently at the Glorietta Mall in Makati City, where he also won the major prize in the post-game raffle, an authentic Kobe Bryant jersey with the player's autograph at the back. ESPN also gave away NBA shirts, caps, Nike Shox key chains and other basketball novelties during the event, featuring Game Two of the NBA best-of-seven championship series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Philadelphia 76ers.



FIRST WINNER OF A MILLION

Ramonito B. Mensones, 39, company driver for Whesso Phils. Construction Inc., is the first lucky winner of a million in the ING Life Insurance Co. (Phils.) Inc.'s "Feel Life spot the sticker, get a chance to win a million" contest. Presenting to him his certificate entitling him to a million in retirement benefits (ING Family Advantage Plus Package) are Rien S.P.P. Hermans, ING Life president and CEO (second from left) and Arjan Bol, FVP for marketing and sales (right). Also shown is Pie Ortigoza, marketing project manager for ING Life (left). ING Life is scheduled to give out two more P1 million prizes in cash and education benefits to car owners spotted with the Feel Life sticker in the next few months. Feel Life stickers are available at Shell Service Stations within Metro Manila.

BITS & Clips

Actors read poems

THE THEATER takes center stage on Monday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. at Café Literati on the 3rd floor of Goodwill Bookstore in Glorietta, Makati City, as actors of the Tanghalang Pilipino of the CCP "read" for Goodwill's Poetry Reading Circle. Titled "Passage," the poetry reading session will feature the works of Filipino poet Denise O'Hara, Emily Dickinson, William Wordsworth, Thomas Moore, Khalil Gibran, Robert Frost, Christina Rosetti and the balcony scene from William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Tanghalang Pilipino is the resident drama company of the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The poetry reading session is free and open to the public. For more details call Angel at 810-5930 or Ruth at 896-7187 to 89.

Sy speaks on aging

SY

DR. GARY S. Sy, medical director of Life Extension Medical Center, a diplomate in gerontology and geriatric medicine, who highly advocates diet-nutritional therapy, will be the guest speaker of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Officers' Ladies Club (AFPOLC) on Aug. 18, Saturday at the Ricarte Hall, Jusmag Area, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City. Sy will be discussing the topic "Say no to aging."

Capsules as part of fitness routine

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K of C 7843 installation of officers

THE SAN ILDEFONSO Council 7843 of the Knights of Columbus in San Ildefonso, Bulacan will formally install the new set of officers for Columbian Year 2001-2002 today, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. in San Ildefonso Parish Church. SK Juanillo P. Ortega, District Deputy-M-21 will be the installation officer and guest of honor to be assisted by District Warden SK Romeo P. Castro and the Council Chaplain Rev. Fr. Hilario G. San Juan. Grand Knight Herminio B, Giron , Vice President of Bulacan National Agricultural State College will lead the new set of officers to be inducted into office.

Juice DRINKS

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Grapefruit: the fruit of all fruits

WHOEVER thought of the old adage, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," must have had the wrong fruit in mind. Maybe it was just a trick, to let us learn the alphabet faster. Or perhaps it was simply more common fruit in this part of the world.

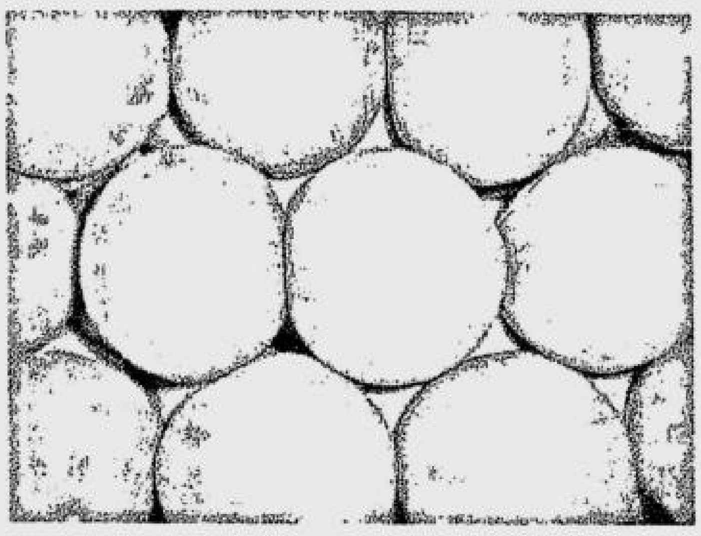
In reality though, breakthrough research point to citrus fruits—particularly grapefruit—as the more superior product of Mother Nature. It is not only packed with vitamin C, which is essential to the prevention of cancer and heart diseases, but it is also overflowing with so many other healthful nutrients such as folic acid, potassium, glucaric acid, beta carotene—which is widely associated with tomatoes—and dietary fiber. On top of these traditional nutrients are two very important health-promising classes of compounds that contribute to the prevention of cancer and stroke.

The vitamin that loves your heart

There is a growing body of scientific evidence that intake of at least 60 to 100 mg per day of Vitamin C provides the extra nutrition that the body needs. Vitamin C is believed to play a significant role in reducing the risk of several chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and cataracts. What's more, Vitamin C contributes to building strong bones and teeth and a superb eyesight. Indeed, this is one vitamin that should not be neglected.

Full o' folic acid and potassium

Folic acid takes very good care of the heart and is also essential in building red blood cells, which makes it a must-have for pregnant women for it helps in preventing certain birth defects. On the other hand, potassium aids in maintaining blood pressure at very healthy levels.



Glue on some glucaric acids

Studies conducted reveal that glucaric acid consumed through normal diet significantly inhibits the growth of cancer cells. Glucaric acid is a naturally occurring organic acid found in citrus fruits and is found most abundantly in grapefruit. So in order to avoid cancer, it would be wise to have a regular intake of grapefruit juices on a daily basis.

The fighting phytochemicals

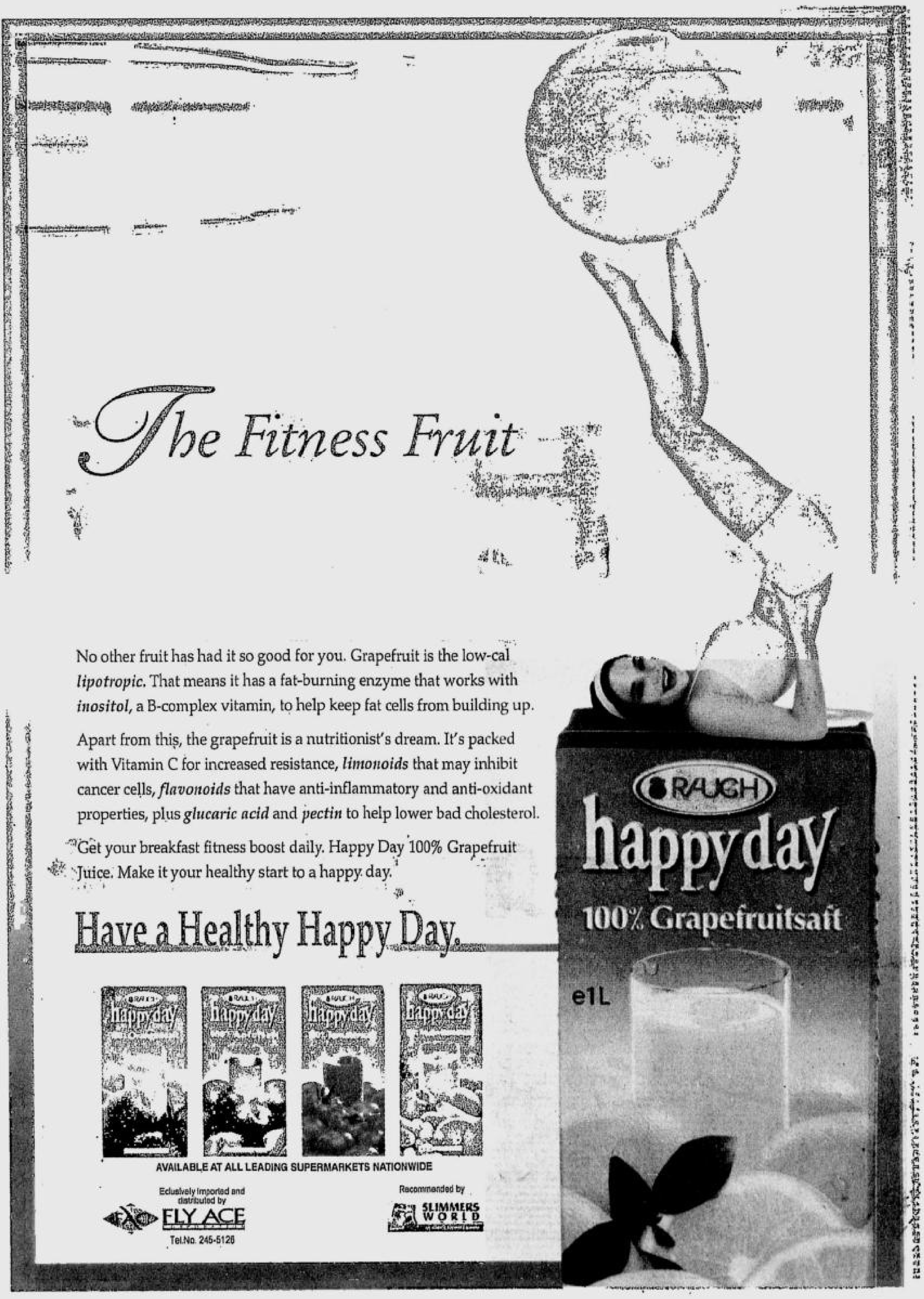
To a great majority, knowledge of phytochemicals is limited to a certain brand of pineapple juice. In actuality, though, there are many types of phytochemicals—each is named differently and is regarded in various unique ways as well. Grapefruit is quite rich in at least two of these phytochemicals: Limonoids is one, which is responsible for the bitter taste of grapefruit. The positive side to the grapefruit's bitter taste is that it has shown promise in inhibiting the growth of cancer.

Flavonoids, on the other hand, possess antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and anti-allergic activities that can reduce intra-vascular blood clotting. Translation: this phytochemical is the ammunition to have for stroke prevention.

Grapefruit is nature's best

Regular intake of fruits—particularly citrus fruits—is commonly perceived to factor greatly in the promotion of good health. To be quite specific about it, regular intake of grapefruit lets one reap the benefits of having a healthy body, inside and out. It is a superb dietary supplement and quite an effective ally in the prevention of cancer and heart disease—definitely the more potent fruit.

Today, Rauch, a leading Austrian brand, packs all the goodness of 100 percent pure grapefruit in Happy Day Grapefruit juice. Other variants include apple, orange, tomato and multivitamins. Make a habit out of drinking Happy Day Grapefruit Juice to have a healthy, happy day.



No other fruit has had it so good for you. Grapefruit is the low-cal *lipotropic*. That means it has a fat-burning enzyme that works with *inositol*, a B-complex vitamin, to help keep fat cells from building up.

Apart from this, the grapefruit is a nutritionist's dream. It's packed with Vitamin C for increased resistance, *limonoids* that may inhibit cancer cells, *flavonoids* that have anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant properties, plus *glucaric acid* and *pectin* to help lower bad cholesterol.

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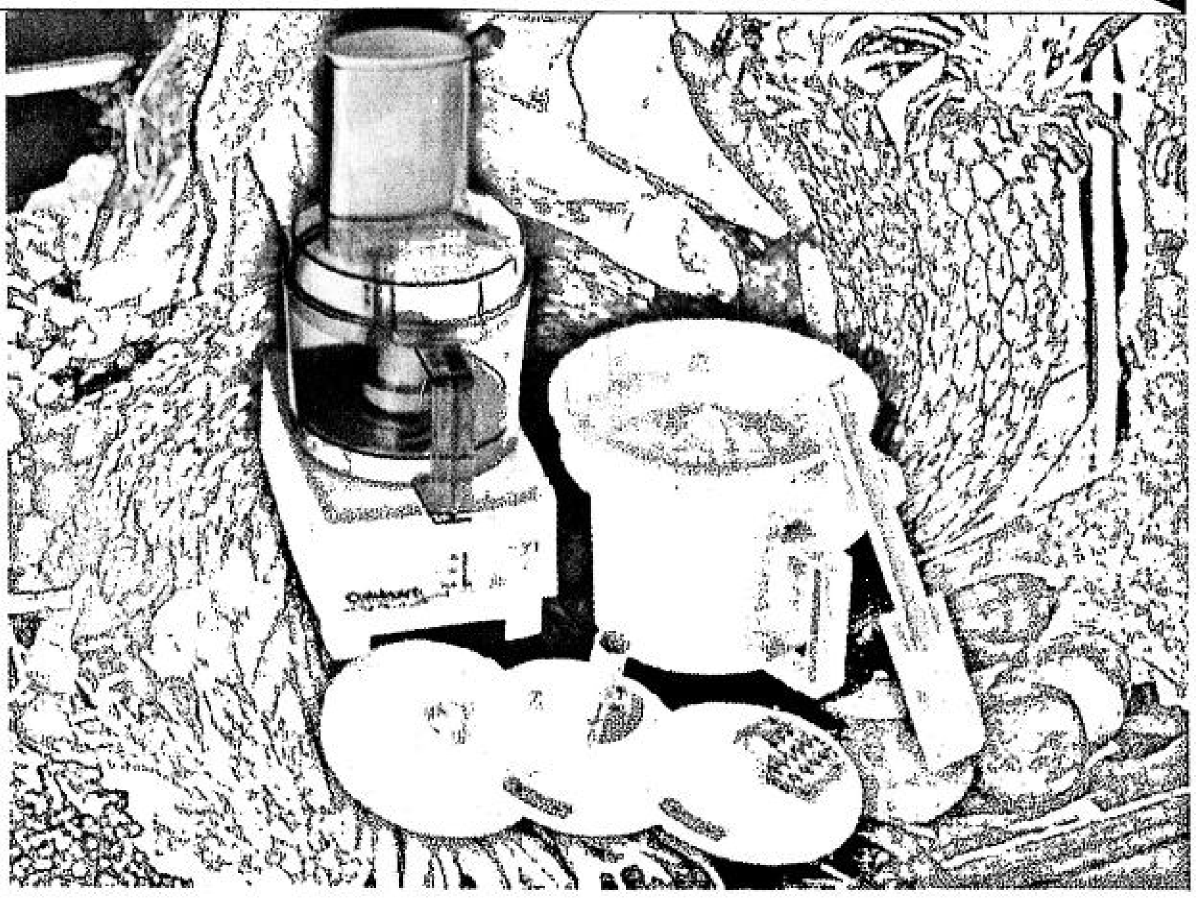
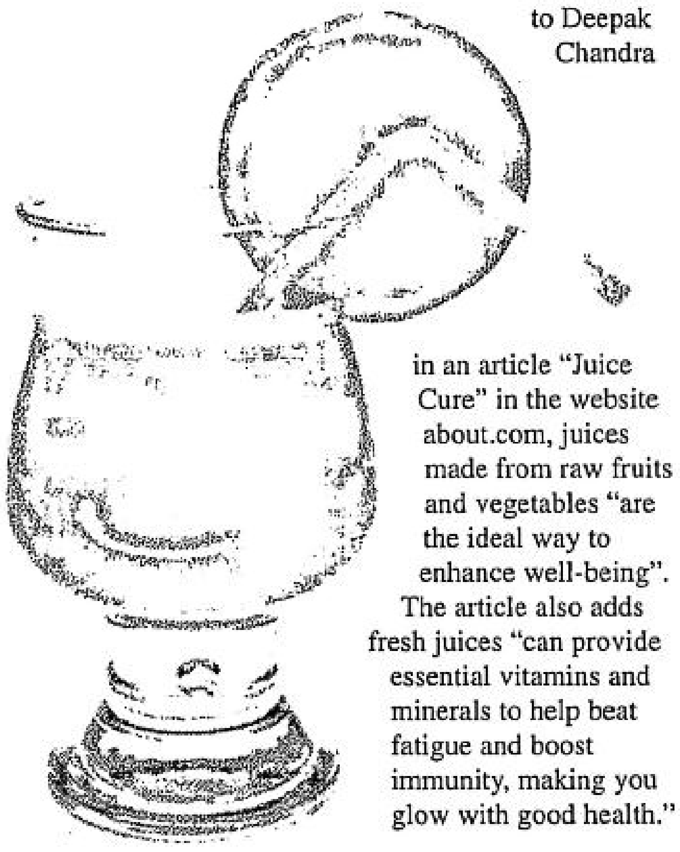


WHEN Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo declared that her administration would be a time of "healing", she should have then quickly held up a glass of fresh carrot juice, drank it and exhorted everyone to do the same. Then the real process of healing would have started.

Juicing fruits and vegetables at home may be enough to cure many common ailments—from acne to diabetes to ulcers. Home juicing is already popular in Australia and Southeast Asia.

The needed equipment is simple enough. You only need a juicer to extract all those nutrients from your common fruits and vegetables.

According to Deepak Chandra in an article "Juice Cure" in the website about.com, juices made from raw fruits and vegetables "are the ideal way to enhance well-being". The article also adds fresh juices "can provide essential vitamins and minerals to help beat fatigue and boost immunity, making you glow with good health."



Though eating the entire fruit or vegetable is good enough, juicing is actually a more "energy-saving" way to acquire nutrients. Ingested fruits and vegetables have to be broken down by our digestive systems to separate the vitamins and minerals from the pulp. We're not after pulp, which only supplies the fiber (which we get from our daily diet, anyway). We're after the juice of the matter.

To give us an idea of how "compactly nutritious" freshly extracted juices are, Deepak Chandra says that three eight-ounce glasses of these are equivalent to 30 pounds of fruit and vegetables eaten.

The "Juice Cure" also gives the best juice combinations for many ailments (see graph).

Before using the graph, however, Deepak Chandra reminds readers that the combinations listed are not intended to replace sound medical advice. A doctor should be consulted before stopping any medication or treatment. The quantities in the combinations guide, she says, are for adults (three 8 fluid ounces a day). Children 3 to 12 years of age should take no more than 5 oz of fresh juice a day, diluted. Teenagers can start drinking undiluted juice, but should stick to one or two 8 oz servings a day.

Most importantly, Deepak stresses medical advice should be sought before giving combinations to infants and toddlers.

If a combination tastes potent just dilute it with water.

AILMENTS

- Acne 1,2,3
- Allergy 1,4,2
- Anaemia 1,5,6,7
- Asthma 1,8
- Bladder trouble 4,1
- Blood pressure - high 1,6,4,9
- Blood pressure - low 1,6,4,2
- Bronchitis 1,10
- Cancers 2,1
- Colds 1,8
- Constipation 1,9
- Coughing 8,1,4
- Decay of bone 1,11,3,12
- Diabetes 1,6,13,14,15,16,17
- Diarrhoea 2,6
- Eczema 1,6,4,9
- Fatigue 2,1,4
- Fever 18,19,20
- Hay fever 1,8,4,15
- Indigestion 19 - in hot water
- Insomnia 1,21
- Itching 1,4
- Multiple sclerosis 1,15,22,6
- Obesity 1,2
- Pregnancy 2,4,1,6,11
- Ulcers 1,2,4

COMBINATIONS (oz.)

1. carrot 5 (oz.), spinach 3 (oz.)
2. carrot
3. carrot 8, lettuce 5, spinach 5
4. carrot 10, beet 3, cucumber 3
5. carrot 9, fennel 7
6. carrot 7, celery 4, parsley 2, spinach 3
7. carrot 8, beet 3, celery 5
8. juice 1 whole lemon to a quarter pint of whole radish ground but not pressed
9. spinach - very potent, dilute with water!
10. carrot 6, dandelion 2
11. carrot 11, dandelion 3, turnip 2
12. carrot 9, dandelion 3, lettuce 2
13. carrot 6, lettuce 4, string sprouts 3, brussel sprouts 3
14. carrot 7, celery 5, endive 2, parsley 2
15. carrot 9, celery 5, parsley 2
16. carrot 6, brussel sprouts 5, string bean 5
17. carrot 4, asparagus 2, lettuce 2
18. grapefruit
19. lemon
20. orange
21. carrot 9, celery 7
22. carrot 6, parsley 2

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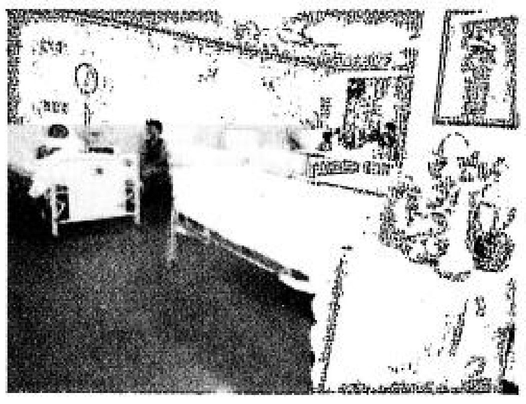

Bills of health

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DON'T wait until someone you love becomes seriously ill before finding out more about hospitals and their services. Before an emergency arises, shop around for a hospital that can deliver the best possible care.

When it comes to hospitals, it pays to be an informed consumer. Did you know, for instance, that you'd have to pay an initial fee for the use of a commode (P135 at one hospital) in addition to a daily fee (P50 per day)?

If you explore all your options and ask questions before you make a decision, you are less likely to have regrets or reel from the expense.

Below are three issues to consider when selecting a hospital, but remember that this list is only to start you off.

- Does the hospital offer the full range of services needed for the diagnosis and treatment of your illness (including emergency and follow-up care)? What is the hospital's expertise with particular procedures you may need? Are the doctors on the hospital's medical staff certified in their respective medical specialties?
- Does the hospital conduct research into the cause and treatment of your illness and does it offer patients the opportunity to participate in relevant clinical trials? What programs does the hospital have to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors?
- Does the hospital provide support services to assist you and your family in dealing with the emotional consequences of your illness? What programs, including written materials, does the hospital have to educate you and your family on your illness (for example, medications you must take, treatment, side effects, diet)? How easy is it to communicate with hospital staff?

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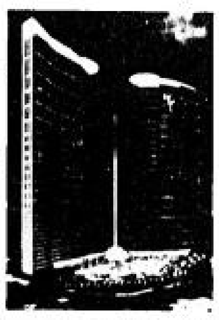

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No need to feel helpless against dengue

By Cathy Babao Guballa

DENGUE has struck in my family thrice over a 12-year period.

In the late 1980s, my brother, then 16 years old, got the dreaded virus. Mercifully, the doctors got to him on time, as soon as the rashes began to appear, just a hairline away from a blood transfusion.

The second incident was in early 1997. This time the victim was my only daughter who had just turned 6. Again, we were fortunate that the disease was caught in its early stages. Interestingly, on both occasions, there were construction sites less than a kilometer away from the schools my brother and daughter attended.

In December 1997 I had to face the loss of a little girl, the daughter of a close family friend, because of dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF). It was terrible and most heart-wrenching—vivid images that would stay with me for as long as I live.

Experts say that the epidemic comes in three-year cycles—the last one in the Philippines was in 1998. Judging from the number of reported cases throughout the country so far, dengue now poses a clear and present danger and the Philippines seems to be in the midst of another major outbreak.

DEFOGGING. Pasay City Mayor Peewee Trinidad leads efforts at getting rid of dengue-causing mosquitoes on Roxas Boulevard.

Dengue defined

Dengue is a mosquito-borne infection which has become a major international public health concern. According to the World Health Organization, DHF, a potentially fatal condition, is now a leading cause of childhood deaths in several Asian countries.

Dr. Ma. Theresa Alera, medical specialist II of the mosquito and vector borne diseases pavilion at the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila, says there are four serotypes or strains that cause DHF. "Majority of the types that we currently see in Manila are the DEN-2 and DEN-3 strain."

The Department of Health (DOH) classifies DHF as an acute infectious viral disease that affects infants, children and adults. Classic symptoms are sudden onset of high fever that may last from two to seven days, joint and muscle pain and pain behind the eyes, general weakness, skin rashes or red spots on the skin called petechiae, nosebleeds when the fever starts to subside, enlargement of the liver and dark colored stool.

Alera warns that the disease is most dangerous when the fever appears to be subsiding. This is the period when potentially lethal complications, such as blood in the stool, appear. When the condition is accompanied by shock, called Dengue Shock Syndrome, it is often fatal. "When a child or an adult has a sudden onset of very high fever (above 38.5°) accompanied by flu-like symptoms, it's best to be wary and visit the doctor right away to rule out the possibility of dengue," Alera stresses.

Currently, there is no vaccine available for dengue. Alera adds that there is no cross-immunity. "If you are hit with one serotype, you are only immune from that type," she explains. Thus, technically, a person can contract dengue four times in his lifetime. A quadrivalent vaccine—a vaccine to prevent all four dengue types—is now under study in Thailand but has yet to be tested on humans.

The carrier

Dengue is transmitted by a mosquito called the Aedes aegypti that bites only in the daytime. The insect's noticeable characteristic is its white stripe across its back. Unlike other mosquitoes, the Aedes aegypti does not breed in canals or polluted water. The mosquito lays its eggs in clear, stagnant water found in flower vases, cans, rain barrels, old rubber tires, for example. Adult mosquitoes rest in dark places of the house.

Norma Joson, an entomologist at the DOH Center for Infectious Diseases, says that although the mosquitoes bite throughout the day (while there is sunlight), their peak biting hours are two hours after sunrise and two hours before sundown. "They breed in clean stagnant water that has been there for at least a week. During this period, the eggs develop from the larval to the adult stage and that's when they become dangerous." Joson adds that the seemingly harmless puddle of water that gathers on concrete is also a potential danger spot. "That's why it's very important to clean the surroundings very thoroughly on a daily basis," she says.

The reduction of sources of infection is the main thrust of the DOH's program to eradicate dengue. "It's important to destroy the breeding sites to kill adult mosquitoes." The DOH suggests the following to eradicate possible breeding sites in homes, offices and communities:

Communities should organize themselves to remove all possible breeding places of mosquitoes inside and outside homes such as tin cans, rubber tires, bottles, etc. Accumulated water from trees and plants need to be drained on a regular basis.

Water storage containers should be tightly covered to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

Flower vases should be emptied and cleaned regularly. Joson says this should be done every three days.

Empty and thoroughly scrub water receptacles like tanks, jars and flowerpot plates at least once a week.

Additional protection

While source reduction is of utmost importance, some products now on the market can provide added protection both for children and adults. Products for children and adults normally contain DEET—diethylmetatoluamide—that acts as a repellent by changing the signals the body emits, thus confusing the mosquito. Ajie Rivera, chemist with SC Johnson & Son Inc. that makes OFF mosquito repellent, says the OFF classic contains 25-percent DEET and protects for eight hours. OFF Liquid for Kids, that sells at P67/100 ml bottle (7.5 percent DEET), protects for three hours.

Rivera stresses that DEET has been in use for 40 years and it has so far not been shown to have any cancer-causing effects. "Naturally, if you misuse any chemical, there will be reactions, like when it is ingested (taken into the body), but there really has been no clear-cut proof that DEET causes cancer." In fact, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has allowed the re-registration of DEET in the country. Another repellent for personal use. Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion (with 7.5 percent DEET), has a variant that will offer protection to both adults or children. It sells for P73.75/100 ml bottle.

For younger children and infants, there is Nenuco mosquito repellent or Johnson's Baby Lotion or liquid variant. The products are DEET-free and use another chemical.

There are also the so-called space repellents. A personal favorite at home is a natural-based product called Citronella oil, which, when mixed with a little water and placed on a small burner, emits a citrus-y smell that supposedly drives away mosquitoes. This oil is available at the 6/L Shangri-La Mall (near the computer shops) and sells for P220/bottle. A burner costs P100.

Citronella candles of various shapes are also said to be helpful in warding off the evil Aedes aegypti. The burned leaves of the neem or eucalyptus trees emit an odor that ward off mosquitoes as well. The leaves are probably best burned in the backyard two hours before sunset, during the peak biting period.

It is better to take all the precautionary measures to protect oneself against the dreaded dengue. Having seen its lethal effects, I am a firm believer that it's always better to be safe than sorry.

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God works through His Son and the Holy Spirit

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Joseph Galdon, S.J.

THE HOLY Spirit is the third person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is also God. He is true God and a distinct person of the Blessed Trinity, equal to God and Jesus and the spirit of both of them. We Christians and followers of the teaching of Jesus are called to make our ascension to God the Father in faith and we can do that only with the teaching of Jesus and the help of the Holy Spirit.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the year 366 said: "The Father works through his Son in the Spirit. The Spirit is spirit of Father and Son. The Holy Spirit of Father and Son can help us do all and know all as the Father and Son are now with us in the Holy Spirit in our world."

Jesus also said to the apostles: "The Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send will instruct you in everything and remind you of all that I have taught you."

Christ is certainly active to us through the Holy Spirit. The teaching of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit are not separate teachings but combine as one teaching for us. The Son is knowledge of the Father and the knowledge of the Son is through the Holy Spirit to us.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Theology tells us that the special gifts of the Holy Spirit are knowledge, understanding, wisdom, counseling, courage, piety and fear of the Lord. St. Augustine commented that the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are love that comes from the faith of God and Jesus, his son. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit will help us all to be holy. In order to be holy we must have knowledge of God and a good understanding of it.

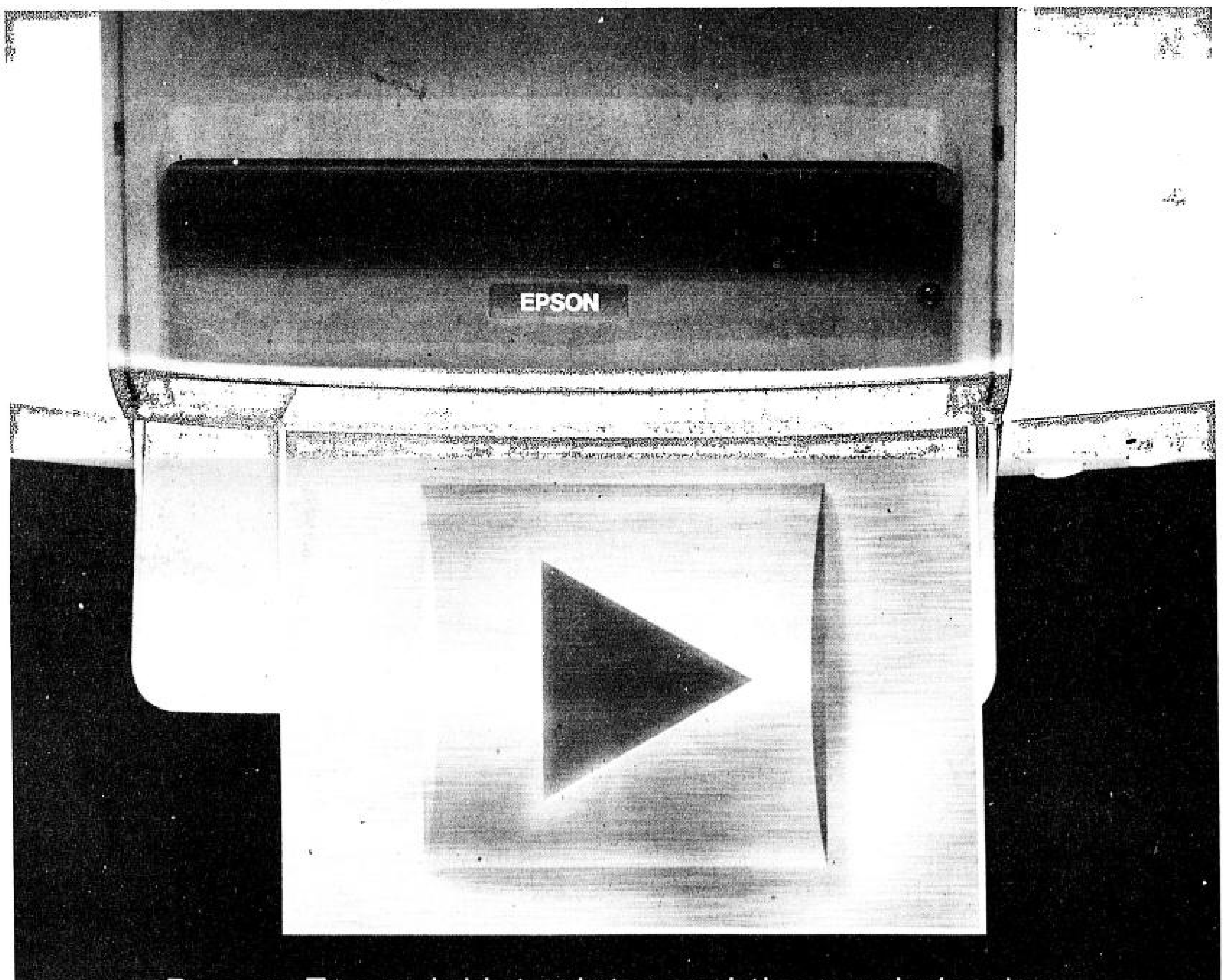
We must also have wisdom so we can use all the teachings and the knowledge of God and Jesus in our lives. That means we must also counsel our knowledge, understanding and wisdom with all the teachers in the Church and with many others in our progress of holiness. Those gifts of the Holy Spirit also mean that because of knowledge, understanding, wisdom and counseling we will have courage to do good things, have piety in our holy lives, and therefore will always respect the Lord and be proud of his teaching in the Holy Spirit. Those gifts of the Holy Spirit will certainly make us very holy.

Let us pray

A nice prayer to the Holy Spirit says: "Holy Spirit, I tell you now that I love you and Jesus and God because I want to be holy and therefore I must follow your teaching. I need your knowledge and understanding and wisdom and counseling so I can do good and holy things and always go to Church and practice piety so that I will always love and praise God."

So let us pray: "Here I am, Lord. I know you are teaching me in the Holy Spirit. With that teaching I will go Lord where you lead me and I will be holy. I will go Lord where you need me and I will hold your people in my heart of love." That's why it is so good to have the teaching of the Holy Spirit as God, the Father and Jesus sent Him to us.

The Pope even told us that the Holy Spirit is coming to us in the millennium, so let us follow the Spirit and be very holy now in our lives and in our world.



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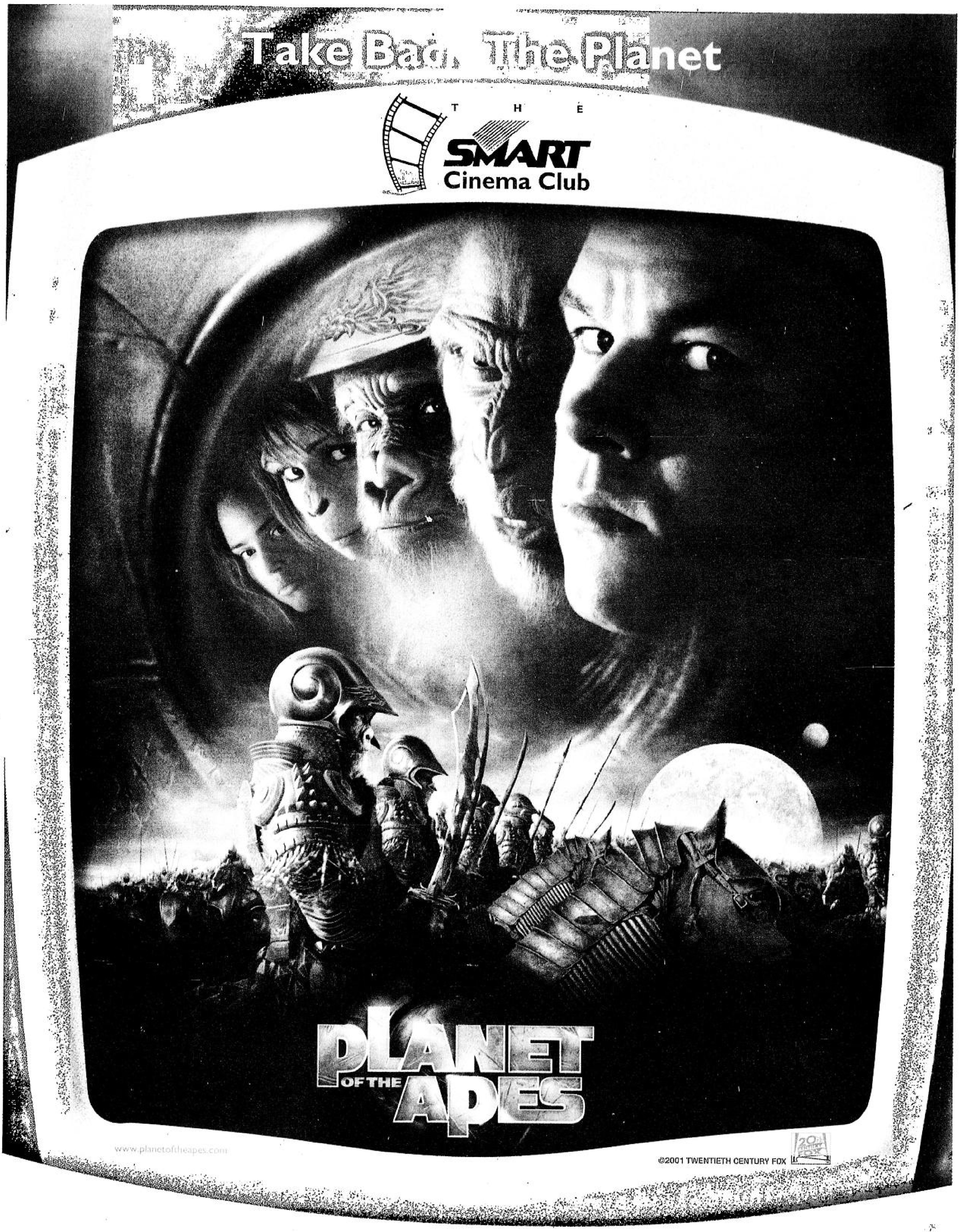

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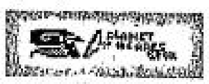
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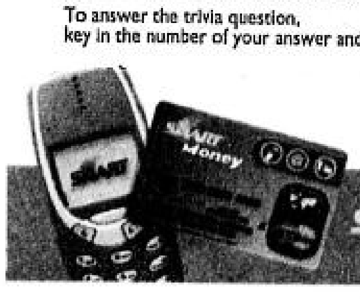

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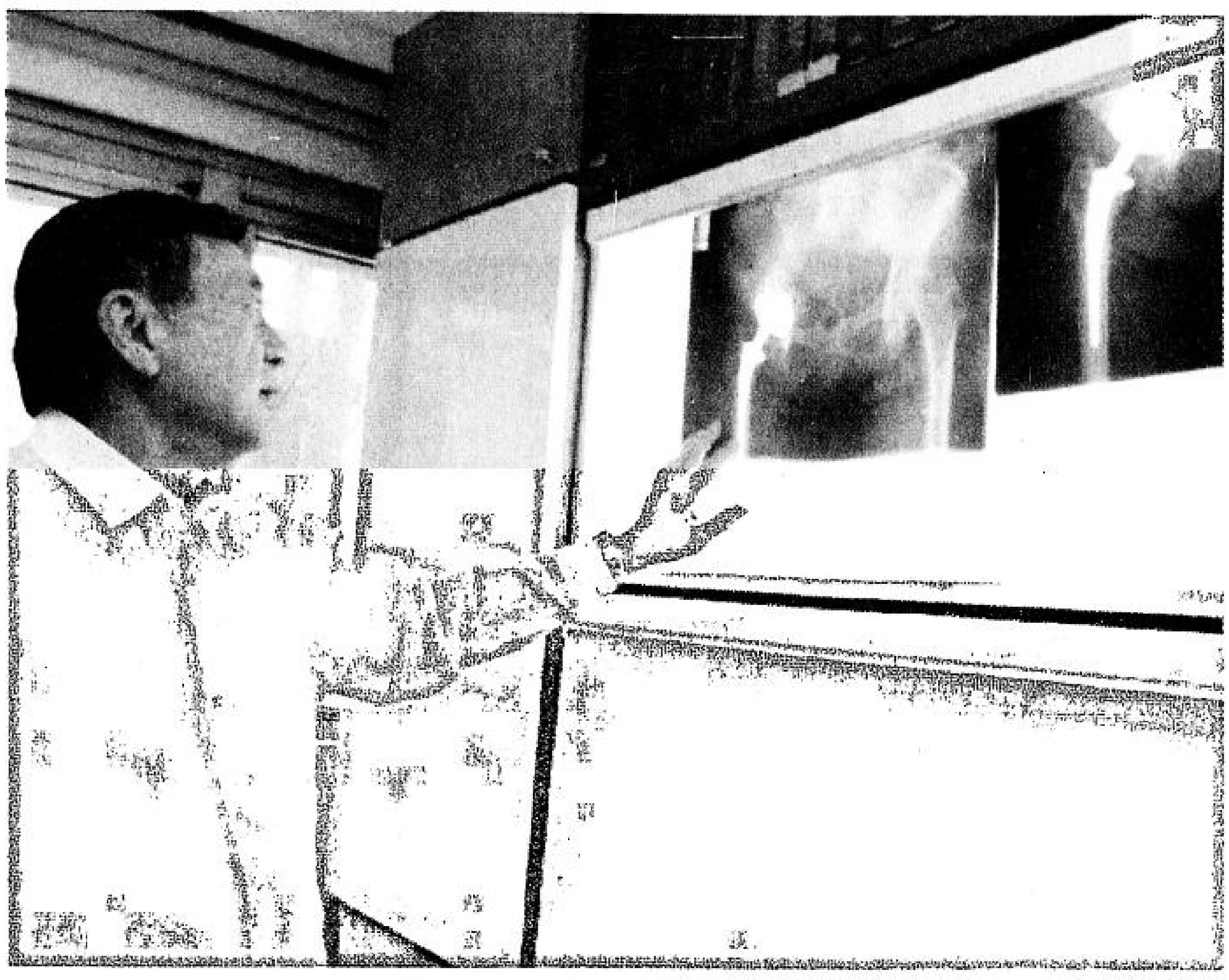
Orthopedic surgeon comes home to make a difference

'The country needs me more now than the US'



WHILE others are leaving, this man is coming back to his native country. These days, that is good news enough. But what is even better news is that he's giving the Philippines not only his vote of confidence, but also the experience and technology he's learned in the United States the past decades. That's a good payback.

Dr. Ramon Gustilo is a leading orthopedic surgeon in the US who developed in 1981 and 1987 new devices for hip and knee replacement that are now being used worldwide. He headed the orthopedic department of the University of Minnesota where he is a professor until now. He's president of the Gustilo-Kyle Total Joint Replacement and Arthritis Center in Minneapolis and chair of the Foreign Fellowship program of the Hennepin Country Medical Center also in Minneapolis.

He became known in his field for his orthopedic implant designs and inventions (e.g. development of the total shoulder replacement) and the many books and publications he's written on his field. Among others, he's published his studies on open fractures—how to classify and treat them—that are now being used worldwide.

He now wants to start orthopedic centers all over the Philippines to train surgeons and to expand his manufacturing facility of orthopedic implants.

Born to the well-known Gustilo clan in Bacolod, he moved to the US more than 30 years ago to get his MS in orthopedic surgery in Minneapolis, although he has visited every few years. Fourteen years ago, given his association with Dr. Raul Fores, he helped organize the orthopedic department of the Makati Medical Center.

Fellowship program

In 1976, as head of the orthopedic department of the University of Minnesota, he started a fellowship program for orthopedic surgeons worldwide to train them in orthopedic surgery and joint replacement. Notable among these were the Filipinos.

This program gave him the idea of developing a manufacturing facility for orthopedic inventions in the Philippines.

"It's obvious that when they (Filipino surgeons) come back, they're well trained but have no implants to use or their instruments weren't good. So I thought of doing more than training," Dr. Gustilo told us on his current visit here. "I developed a manufacturing facility that could provide affordable but high-quality orthopedic implants." Among these were the hip, knee and joint replacements.

What Dr. Gustilo did wasn't easy because orthopedic design and manufacturing were pioneering ventures in the country. There was no trained manpower for it. He brought four Filipino mechanical engineers to Minneapolis, sent them to school for MS in bioengineering, and trained another three in manufacturing.

In the '80s nobody manufactured implants in Southeast Asia. Dr. Gustilo wanted to make Asia a manufacturing center for orthopedic inventions. He still wants to do so now. "Japan is very expensive," he said.

It takes 18 months to two years to develop the products. Highly trained manpower is rare—and this is what Dr. Gustilo now wants to develop in the country.

After occupying high positions in the medical academe in the US, he plans to continue his manufacturing venture in the country and to help train Filipinos in orthopedic surgery by organizing regional centers all over the country.

He left the country in the early '60s after graduating from medicine at the University of the Philippines in 1957 and an internship at Philippine General Hospital the same year. He embarked on an active career in the US, both in the academe and medical practice, and joined various professional societies.

Pursuing a vision

He's married to a Swiss and has five children who were all born and raised in the US. In short, he and his family have roots in the US. His children are now grown and, while his family will not uproot itself from the US, Dr. Gustilo is intent on staying here for long periods to carry his vision through.

Asked why, he said, "I hope I know the answer. My coming back is giving back. The country needs me more now than the US. And I've been very lucky."

On his visits here through the years he's done surgery all over the country and has conducted workshops. Orthopedic centers are now organized in Makati, Cebu and Iloilo.

He wants to make the people aware that there's something that can be done now to improve the quality of life through orthopedic interventions. "Like even with arthritis, you can function normally, given orthopedic solutions."

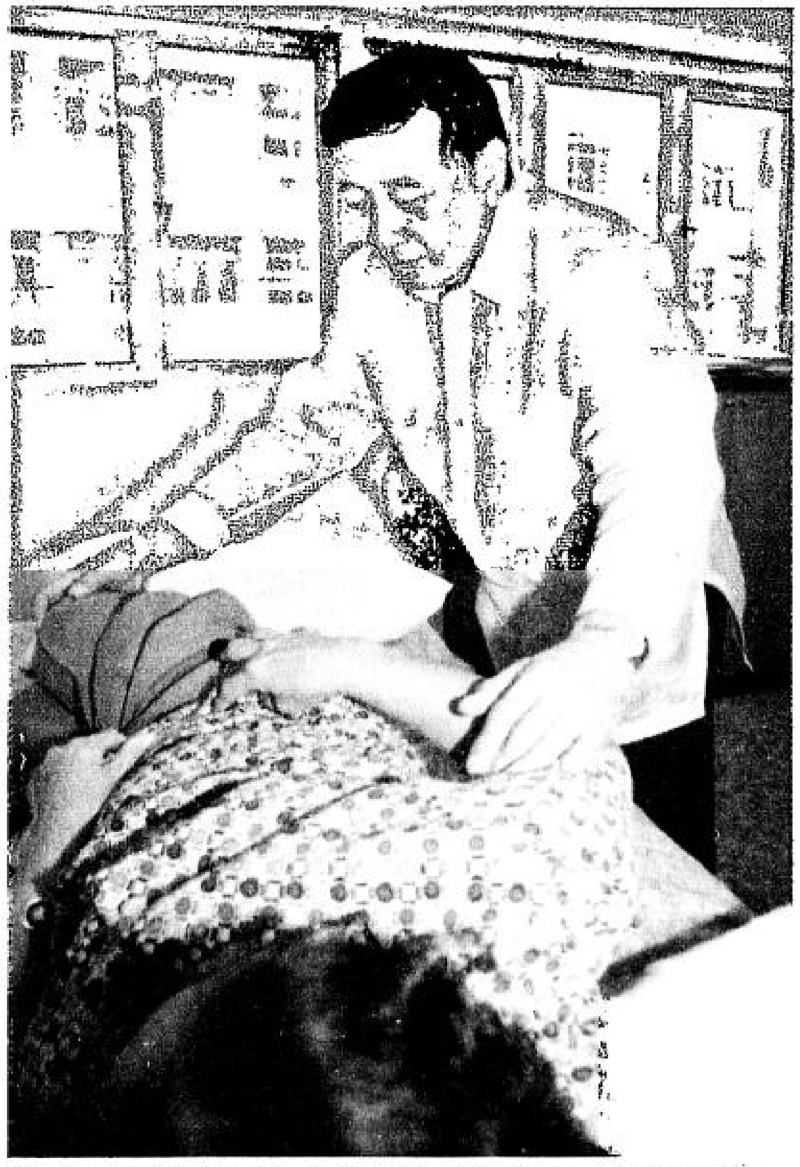
Dr. Gustilo has had an extensive career in his field. From 1976 to 1990, he was chair of the Department of Orthopedics at Hennepin Country Medical Center in Minneapolis, and chair also of the Department of Orthopedics at the Metropolitan Medical Center in Minneapolis from 1977 to 1979.

He's written various books, which included "Management of Open Fractures and Their Complications," "The Fracture Classification Manual," "Fractures and Dislocations."

It's interesting that after spending a great part of his life building and peaking in his career in the US, he's embarking on a fresh journey in his country. In three to five years, he wants to make the Philippines a center of orthopedic inventions in Asia.

At 71, he wants to make a difference. At 71, he's made a choice.

Thelma S. San Juan



DR. Ramon Gustilo (center, in barong) with the staff of his orthopedic implant manufacturing facility

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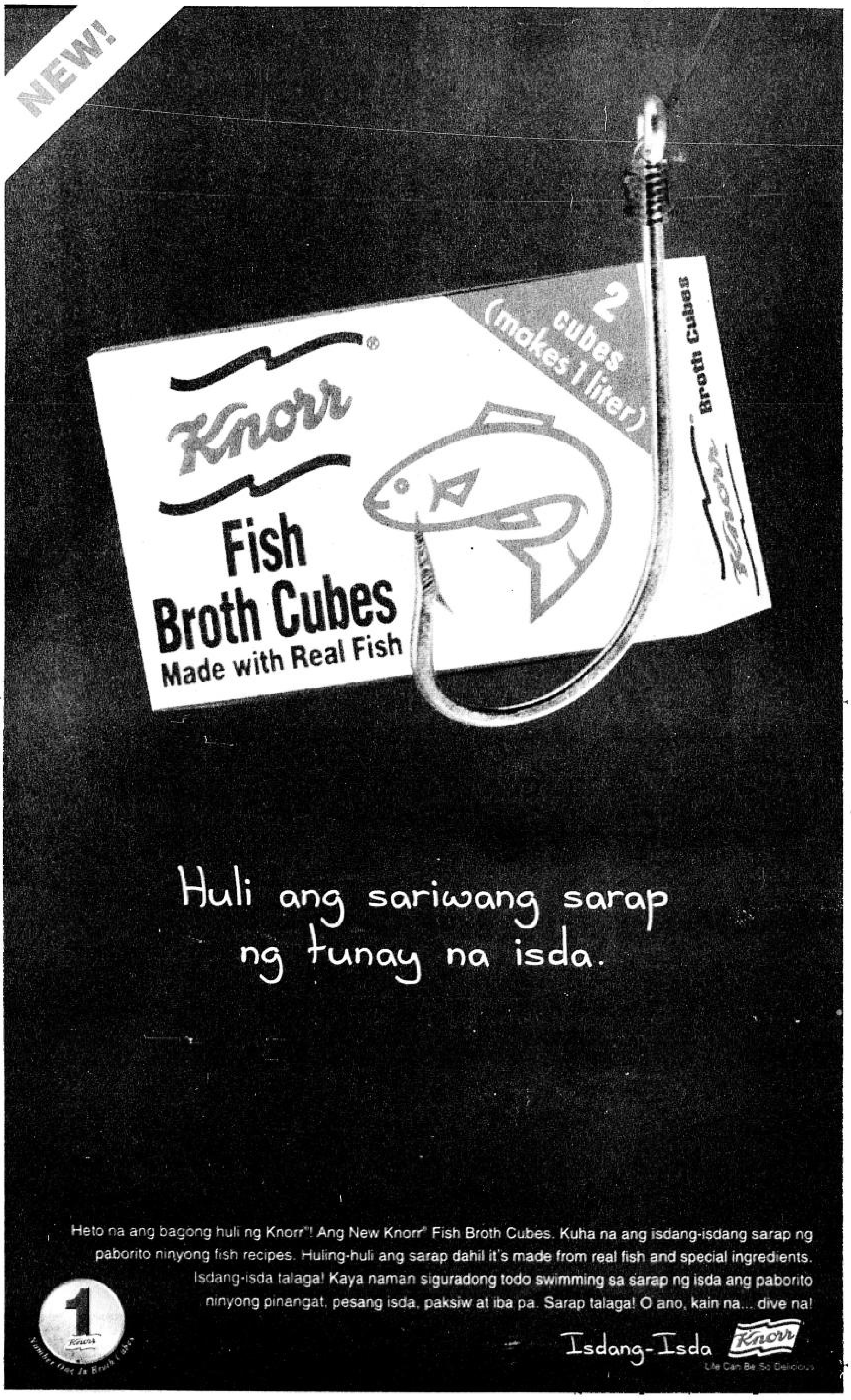

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Quezonians 1923 marks 78th anniversary

QUEZONIANS 1923 will mark its 78th anniversary with a tribute to the environment.

The program will consist of the yearly rigodon de honor, choreographed by Budjing Danao. Dance music is by Gloria Gatmaitan and Romy Rule. In the reception line are Gov. Wilfredo Enverga, Tanini Dolor de Leon, Danny L. Dolor, Emma L. Reyes, Rep. Raffy Nantes, Rep. Aleta Suarez, Don Ado Escudero, Galdy Cabunag, Salvador Clemente, Elvira Castillo, Renato Lirio, Mila Garcia, Nestor C. Castillo and Ching G. Sales.

This year's muse is Linda Marie B. Reyes, 18, the daughter of doctors Renato M. Reyes and Linda B. Reyes. The coronation and grand ball will be held at the Westin Philippine Plaza Ballroom on Aug. 25.

Special guests include Sen. Eduardo Angara and Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto.

The officers of Quezonian 1923 are Leandro Garcia and Jocelyn C. Lirio, presidents; Salvador Y. Clemente and Elvira S. Castillo, vice presidents; Linda Diamante and Cecille D. Lejarde, secretaries; Grace S. Alcaneses, treasurer; Gen. Nestor C. Castillo (ret.) and Concepcion Fara "Ching" G. Sales, immediate past presidents; Royce A. Cabunag and Jacklyn Clemente, Quezonian Youth presidents; Meynardo I. Virtucio, PRO; Aguinaldo Miravalles, Ado Escudero, Bernardo Virtucio, Rep. Rafael P. Nantes, Al Viscocho, Gladiola Cabunag and Dulce Abcede, board of advisers.

Proceeds will go to various sociocivic activities.

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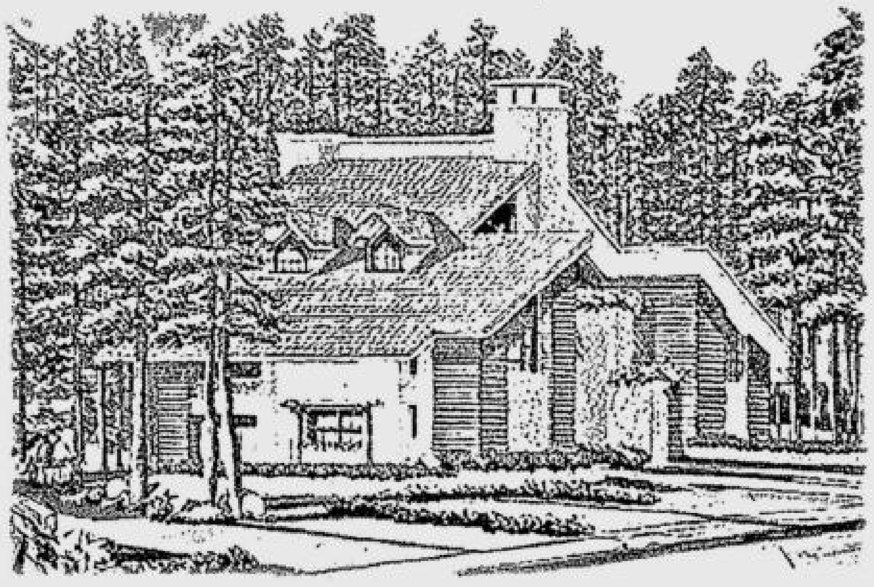

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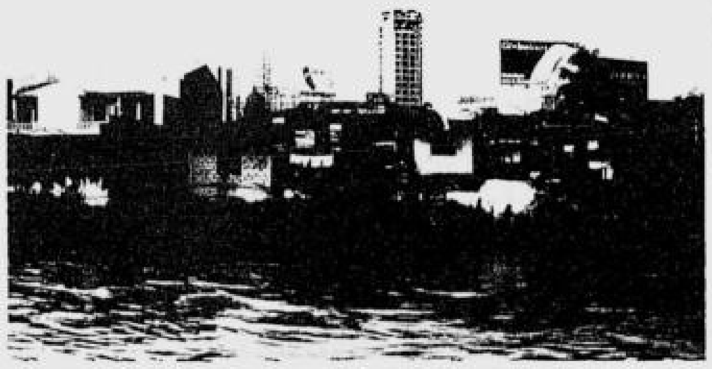

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It's true ... You need sleep to grow!

Sleep is important for baby's development because growth hormone is produced mainly during sleep. During the first month of life, a baby doubles and then triples his body mass. Such huge growth rate never appears again in the life of human. Therefore it is very important to minimize the interruptions during your baby's sleep.

Newborns routinely wake up in the night because they haven't yet developed a stable sleeping cycle. But you can help your baby establish a regular pattern of sleep. See to it that your baby is comfortable during the night. After feeding her, you can wait until she breaks wind. Give her a superior absorbing and dry diaper, and bring her to sleep right away. Don't play or over stimulate her. Doing that will only encourage your baby to stay awake.

Good sleeping habits can be formed on your baby's first days. In order to do this, Moms should know that there are natural reasons for baby to wake up at night. She can either be feeling too hot or too cold, she may have gas in her stomach, or she may be hungry. But when baby wakes up in the middle of the night because her disposable diaper is wet, she is made to go through something that can be avoided. A superior performing disposable can help you form good sleeping habits. It can absorb up to 5 wettings so that baby is not soaked in wetness, thus giving her uninterrupted night time sleep.

Using a superior performing disposable is enough to allow your baby to sleep all night long without needing a diaper change. You and your baby will be able to sleep undisturbed all night, and wake up brighter in the morning. She will then be fresh and ready to explore the new world around her. You yourself will also feel fresh and energized to help your baby learn and develop more everyday.

We can teach baby to distinguish between being awake and being asleep. If she is awake, we remove her from her bed, hold her in our arms and play with her. Thanks to this, the baby learns to associate her bed only with sleep, and in the future she will get into the habit of falling asleep as soon as she is in bed. However to get your baby used to a day-night rhythm, she should sleep exposed to daylight during the day. It's also a good idea to place her cot in a different place during the day. At night, put your baby to sleep in a room that is dark or only has a dim light.

Simply soothe baby by rubbing her tummy round and round, and sing your own soft lullaby. Your voice can calm her and therefore she will have a peaceful relaxed sleep. A familiar tune that she heard during your pregnancy will be the most favorable choice for her.

Here are some tips that can help you develop baby's good sleeping habits:

1. Maximize environmental cues. Use the presence of daylight (or lack of it) to signal the start and end of the day. At night fall, draw the curtains to heighten the effect of darkness in the room. The sooner a child learns the difference between day and night, the easier it becomes for her to fall asleep when it begins to get dark.
2. Check baby's menu. Avoid serving cheese and other fatty food at dinner. These items contain a substance called "tyramin" that is known to cause sleeplessness. Milk, yogurt and bananas are smarter menu options. They contain high levels of "serotonin", a substance that promotes sleep. You can offer malt drinks but not chocolate as it contains caffeine.

Bills of health: Rates for major medical services at selected Metro Manila hospitals

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Chemotherapy/ radiation	Not offered	Rates depend on attending physician, room and cancer type	P10,000-P12,000 medicine per month for four months (adjuvant chemo for breast cancer) P3,000-P5,000 professional fee per session	Not offered	Rates depend on attending physician	Not offered	Rates depend on cancer type and physician	Rates depend on cancer type and physician
Dialysis	Acetate P4,200 ; bicarbonate P5,500 (doctor's fee not included)	Acetate P3,823; bicarbonate P4,573 (doctor's fee not included)	P10,000 (first session); P6,000 (succeeding session)	Not offered	Acetate P1,500, plus doctor's fee of P400; bicarbonate P2,500, plus doctor's fee of P400	Acetate P2,800; bicarbonate P3,500	Private: P6,945 Suite: P7,270	P4,500
Angioplasty	Not offered	Rates depend on number of clogged veins, catheter or balloons to be treated	P120 (for one balloon) P60,000 (additional stent)	Not offered	Not offered	P150,000-P200,000, depending on the number of clogged veins, professional fee not included	Angiogram (not angioplasty) packages include fixed number of days and doctor's professional fee—private P38,115; suite P45,740	Depends on type of operation and physician
Heart Bypass	Not offered	Rates depend on attending physician, usually packaged deal	P650,000 (package of hospital and professional fees, treatment for 7 days)	Not offered	Not offered	Rates depend on attending physician, medicines to be used and room rate	For 10-day package, semi-private P460,000; private P550,000; suite P730,000	Info not available
TESTS/LABORATORY FEES:								
ECG	P420 (outpatient rate)	P300	P600	P435	P350	P350	P680 (inpatient)	P440
Mammogram	P1,200; additional shot at P300/per	P1,250	P2,013 (plain) P4,500 (complete, with ultrasound and additional views)	P1,405	Not offered	Not offered	P1,575	P1,350
2D Echo	Plain P2,200; with Doppler P2,900	Plain P1,740; color P2,050	P3,900 (with color Doppler)	P4,135	P1,850	Plain P1,945; color P3,190	P4,610 (inpatient)	P1,950
CT Scan	Plain study P3,900, with contrast P6,060	P4,970 (head)	P6,200 (head), P9,300 (chest), P15,000 (whole abdomen)	Plain study P4,390; with contrast P5,611	P4,160 (head)	P3,500 (head)	P4,500 (head, plain); P14,220 (whole abdomen)	P5,150 (head); P7,080 (chest); P12,300 (whole abdomen); P7,680 (pelvis)
Chest X-ray	Adult P325; child P350	Adult P250; child P270	P510; P560 (on holidays); P665 (rush)	Adult P385; child 7 years below P545 (two shots)	Adult P260; child P445	Adult P380; child P280	P590 (inpatient)	P290
Urinalysis	P110	P80	P150	P135	P130	P70	P205	P130
CBC (Complete Blood Count)	P270	P180	P230	P240	P150	P190	P270	P420
OTHERS:								
Room rates	Small private: P1,500 Large private: P1,800 and refrigerator Private deluxe: P2,200	Private: P950 (old building), P1,300 (new building) Semi-Private: P620 Ward: P320-P400 (ceiling fan only)	Small private: P1,100 (main building); P1,300 (new wing) Large private: P1,850 (new wing circular); P1,950 (8/F circular); P2,100 (new wing) Small suite: P2,200 (main building) Large suite: P5,900 (7/F and 8/F circular); P7,400 (9/F, main building); P8,000 (9/F new wing) President suite: P11,100 (main wing);	Small private: P845-P1,000 with aircon Large private: P1,450-P1,755 with aircon, cable TV Private deluxe: P2,070 with aircon, cable TV, refrigerator	Private: P2,000 (new rooms); P1,500 (old rooms) Semi-private: P800 (small, single room); P650(three beds with common comfort room) Ward: P400	Private: P900(old building); P1,200 (new building) Semi-private and Ward: P550-P600	Suite: P5,900 Private: P2,200 (new); P2,100 (old) Semi-private: P950	Standard with aircon: P950 Standard with TV, phone and refrigerator: P1,200; with aircon, TV, single bed, ref and couch P1,300 Bigger room with anteroom, with amenities: P1,600-P2,200 Garden suite: P7,000
Deposit requirement	Same day reservation allowed; usually P1,500 for OB and surgery cases; P5,000 for ordinary illness	P8,000, P5,000, P3,000, depending on room rate	No deposit	P6,000 for most cases, same day reservation permitted subject to room availability	Major operation P10,000; minor operation P5,000; transplant P100,000	P5,000	P5,000	Approximate rate is room rate multiplied by 10, refundable upon discharge
Policy on medicines	Patient can bring in own medicine subject to service fee	Can be bought either from hospital's pharmacy or other drug stores	Patient's medicines must be bought in hospital's pharmacy.	Patient can bring in own medicine subject to service fee	Can be bought either from hospital's pharmacy or other drug stores	Can be bought either from hospital's pharmacy or other drug stores	Patient's medicines must be bought in hospital's pharmacy.	No requirement to buy medicine from hospital's pharmacy
Parking	Many slots available but fills up during visiting/ consulting; P20/entry	P20 till midnight only	A nearby parking area on Ayala Avenue charges P25 for the first two hours and P10 per succeeding hour.	Slots available in car park near hospital; limited street parking	P10 per hour	First two hours P15, succeeding hours P10	P20 (parking building); P30 (valet parking)	Free parking available; pay parking (two-level parking space): P20 for first three hours, P10 for every hour after
Dining	Cafe Med serves visitors, can deliver to patient's rooms.	The hospital has a canteen within the premises.	The hospital has a canteen (with a dietitian) on the ground floor, and a privately owned restaurant on the third floor, Floating Island.	The hospital has a canteen.	The hospital has a canteen.	The hospital has a canteen.	The hospital has canteens in the hospital proper, the Medical Arts building and the Cathedral Heights building.	Several restaurants in the hospital complex

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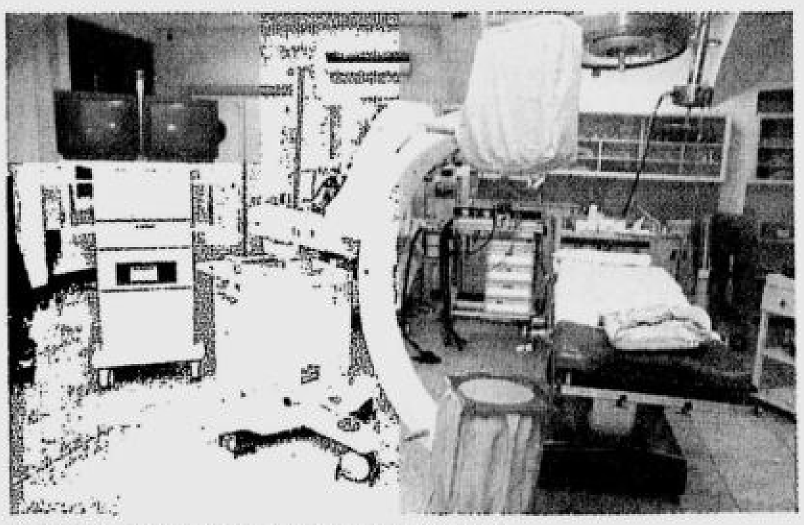

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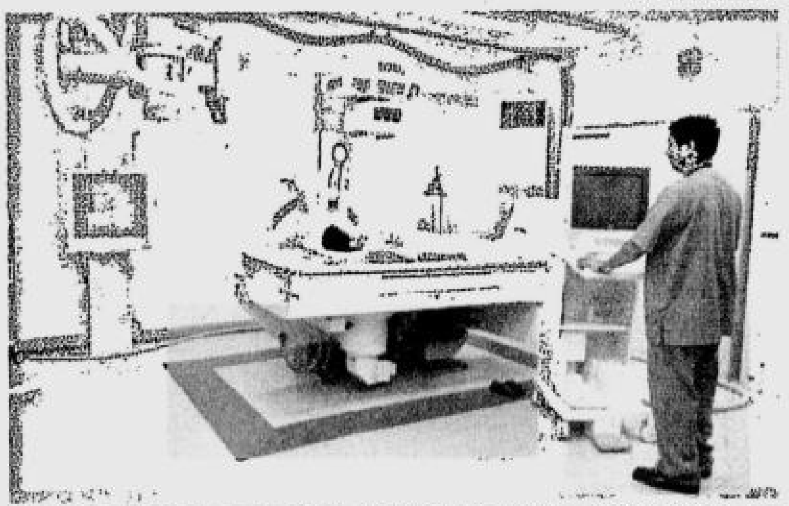

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Medical sanctuary for the underprivileged

By Rowena C. Burgos

SINCE it was established in 1578, the San Juan de Dios Educational Foundation Inc. (SJDEFI) has served many generations of less fortunate Filipinos.

Dedicated to the ideals of its patron, St. John of God who served the poorest among the poor, the 230-bed hospital is managed by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The Archbishop of Manila is the titular chair of the board of trustees, the policy-making body consisting of people mostly belonging to various religious orders and congregations. Board members do not receive any salary, perks or privileges.

"Charity is the heart and soul of SJDEFI. But this does not mean that all hospital services are for free," says Sr. Asuncion Evidente, SJDEFI president.

Patients from all walks of life can avail of SJDEFI's services. But its Social Service Office, composed of licensed social workers, determines the socio-economic status of each patient. Patients are then put under into different brackets depending on the office's assessment: C1 patients get discounts for the use of rooms; C2 only pay a nominal fee to cover hospital bills; C3 can avail of services for free; and C4 are referred to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office and other funding agencies for assistance. The donors pay the bills of these patients.

A nonstock, nonprofit organization, SJDEFI relies mainly on donations from charitable foundations, philanthropists and private companies. Some funds are generated from paying patients. The hospital's Corporate Affairs Office taps companies, individuals and foundations here and abroad for its fund drives.

Donations are either in the form of money or goods. Products donated by food companies are given to the outpatient department's (OPD) Feed the Poor project; medicines and hospital beds are sent to the charity wards and OPD.

In 1999, the hospital admitted 11,768 in- and outpatients. Of the total, 3,492 were charity patients. Hospital subsidy amounted to P17.7 million in May 1999 to March 2000. "These figures do not include promissory notes issued by patients who failed to settle their bills. In cases like these, the hospital normally does not run after these patients any more," Sister Asuncion says.

History

Fray Juan Clemente, a Franciscan lay brother, put up SJDEFI in 1578 in Intramuros, Manila. Made of bamboo and *nipa*, the two-ward hospital was destroyed by fire in 1583. Undaunted, Fray Clemente established another one on the same spot. With the help of Fr. Juan Fernandez de Leon, a third ward was built in 1590.

In 1594, the Hermandad de la Misericordia was organized to raise funds for its improvement. After two years, it took charge of the hospital's administration. A fire and an earthquake in 1603 and 1645, respectively, drained the confraternity's resources so the Brothers of St. John of God who, at that time were maintaining an infirmary in Bagumbayan, took over its management.

Another earthquake in 1863 left the building in ruins so, after three years, it was temporarily entrusted to the Council of Inspectors who then handed over administration to the Daughters of Charity through a royal order issued in 1865 by Queen Isabella II of Spain.

Renovation of the hospital began in 1913 with the establishment of a school for nursing. But after the liberation of Manila in 1945, the hospital was totally destroyed. It was rebuilt on Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City. In 1973, the hospital, which was already offering a nursing course, introduced a Medical Technology program, adding a full-fledged college to its facilities. An OPD was constructed in 1975 and the administration was reorganized. A residency training program was set up in 1981.

Tradition of service

The SJDEFI hopes to become a world-class hospital for all, especially the poor. "It aims to be a hospital with a heart, one that makes a difference," says Sister Asuncion.

As part of its jubilee project, the SJDEFI upgraded and renovated recently all its service wards. On March 8, it had a groundbreaking for the five-story OPD, which will house additional beds, clinics and the departments of medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics and surgery. The OPD will provide indigent patients amenities, which are enjoyed by paying patients.

Through God's providence, Sister Asuncion adds, SJDEFI is able to continue supporting the less-privileged patients. However, due to economic hardships, the support it has been enjoying through the years has sometimes been restricted. "So we are calling on our privileged fellow Filipinos to support our cause. Let this be your personal apostolate; help those who are in need," says Sister Asuncion.

As SJDEFI strives to upgrade and update its facilities and equipment, it remains rooted in a tradition of service. Its history is the history of charity in the Philippines, growing as the nation grew. No one can claim sole responsibility for its existence. It owes its existence to countless generations of men and women who labored and spent their fortunes to prove that charity, although it never pays, offers rewards far more precious than material wealth and honor.

Call the SJDEFI's Corporate Affairs Office at 831-9731 to -36, 831-5641 to -49, or 831-3599.

E-mail the author at rburgos@inquirer.com.ph

Clarification from orthodontists association

ON JULY 10, a member of the Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO) was featured on pages C1 and C4 of the Lifestyle Section of the INQUIRER.

In the said interview, several pronouncements were made which appeared to be official statements from the association. The Association of Philippine Orthodontists would like to inform the public that the sentiment and opinion of the featured dentist in no way reflect the views of the association and that the aforementioned article was printed without the knowledge and approval of the officers or its members. The opinions expressed are solely the personal sentiments of the interviewee.

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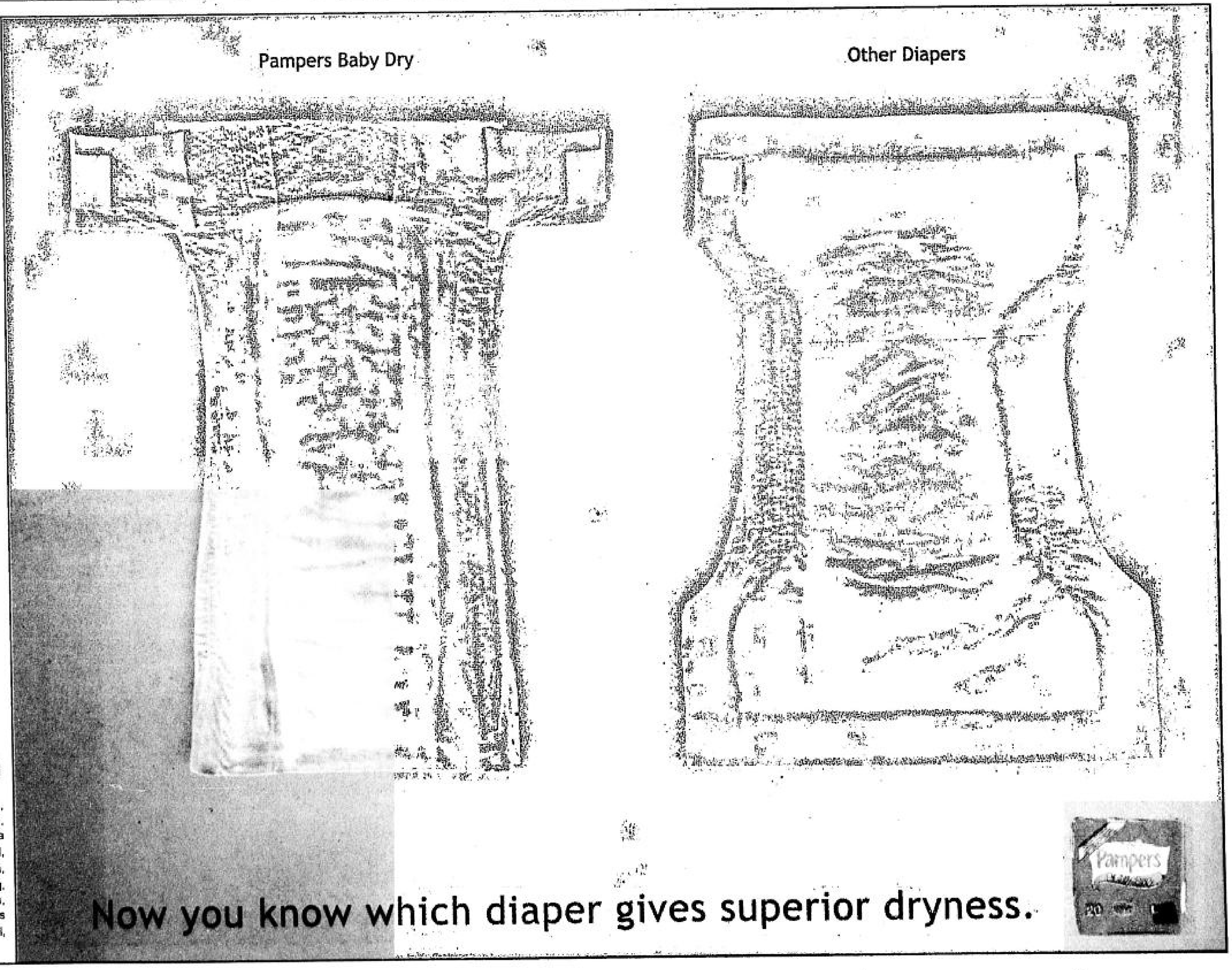

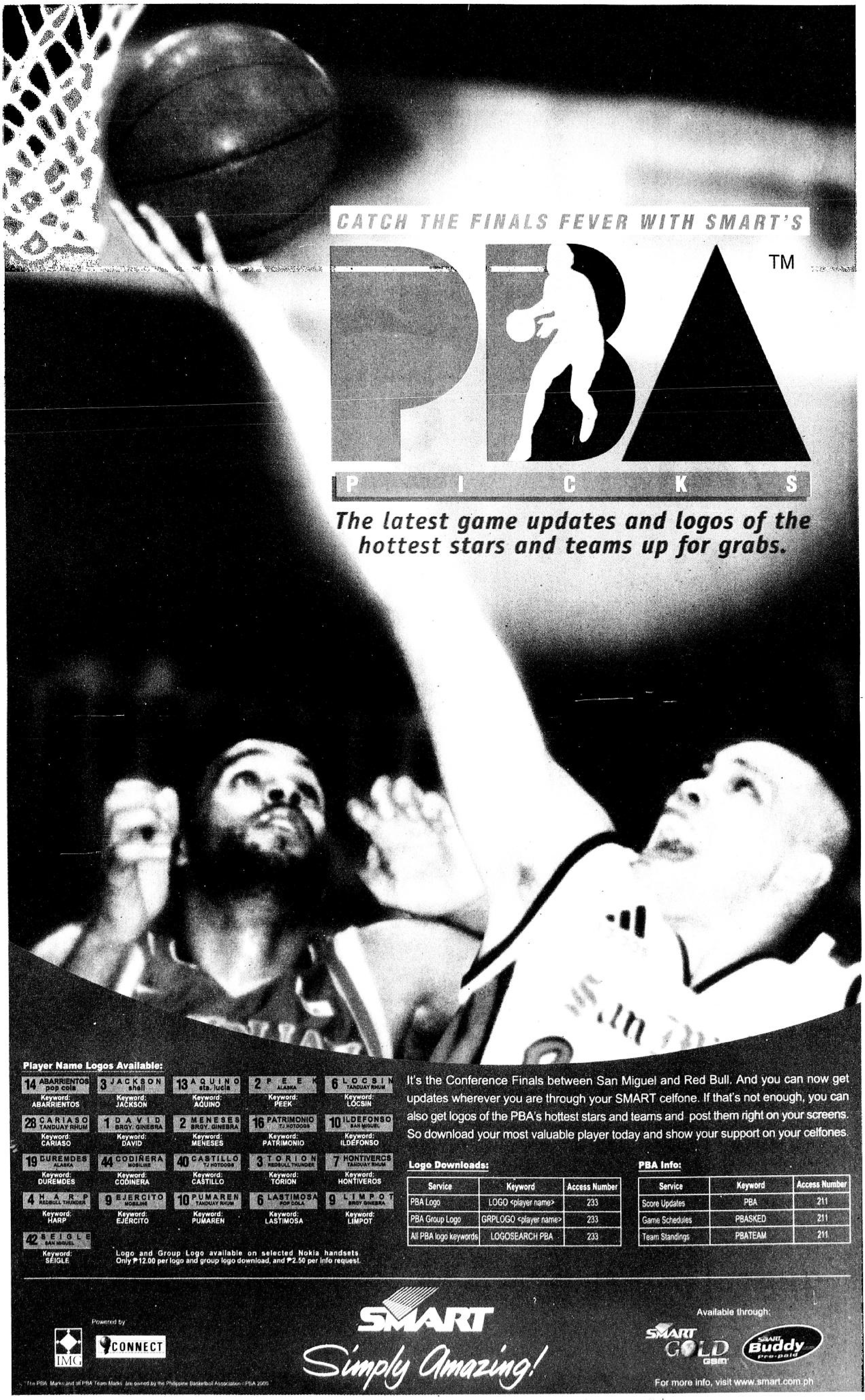

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Broadcasters DJ Sta. Ana and Karen Davila get hitched

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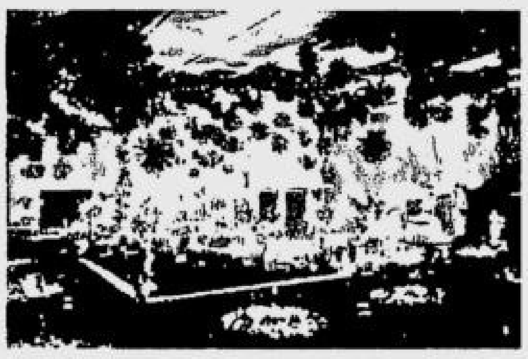

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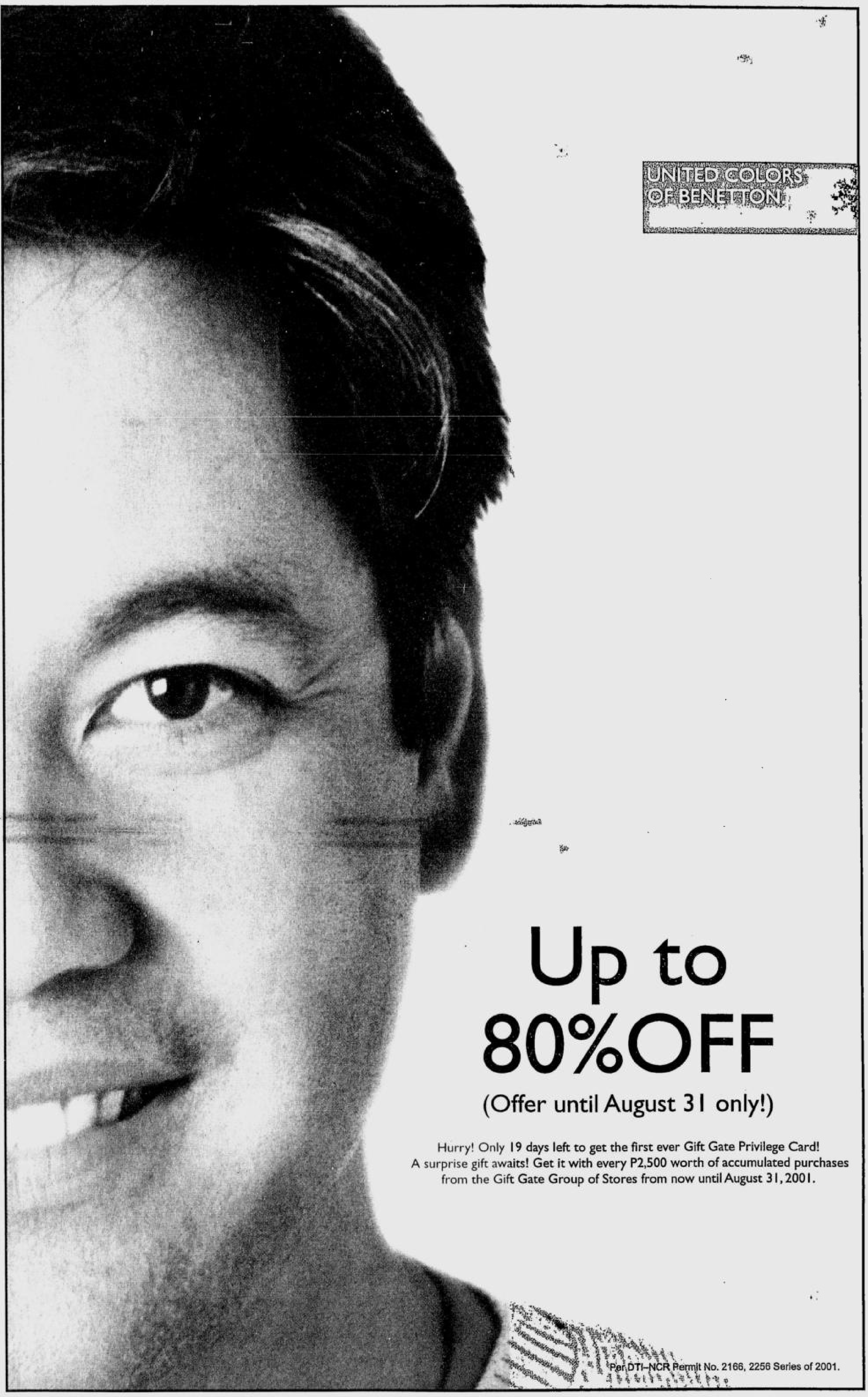

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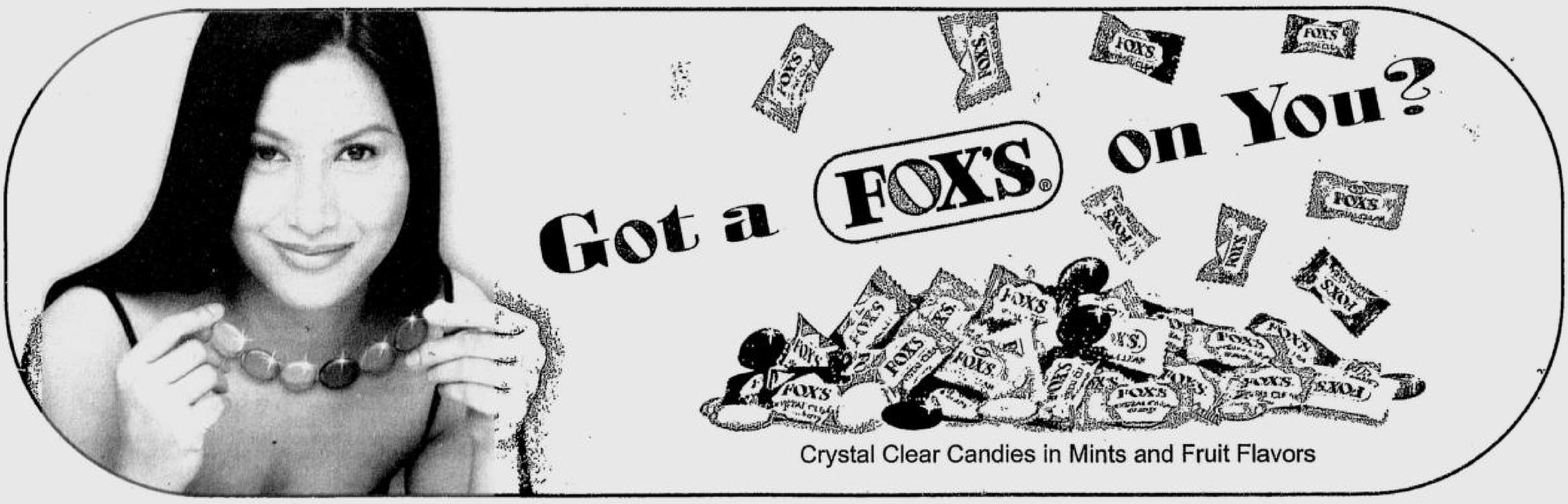

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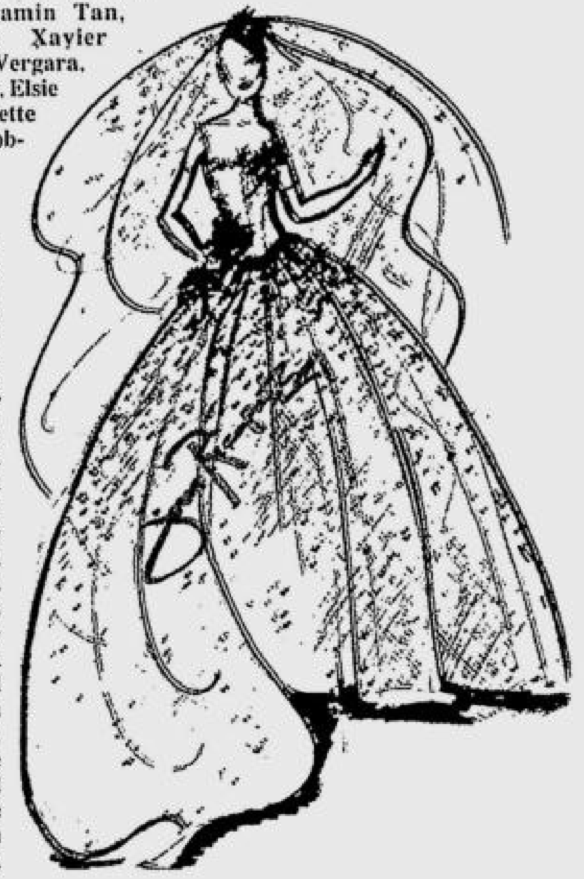
MORAN-HINLO

Eduardo Luis Antonio Moran, son of **Eduardo Gonzalez Moran** and **Mercedes Caguioa**, and **Mary Grace Hinlo**, daughter of **Lourdes Villanueva vda. de Hinlo**, were married on June 21 at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park. Fr. **Victor Baltazar** officiated the ceremonies. Reception followed at the NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio. Principal sponsors were Justice **Elvi John Asuncion**, lawyer **Alfredo Caguioa**, Dr. **Benjamin Tan**, **Enrique Gustilo**, **Xavier Pertierra**, **Roberto Vergara**, **Nenita Moran Garcia**, **Elsie Hinlo**, **Pilar Bernadette Marquez**, **Arabella Poblete** and **Julia Tan**.

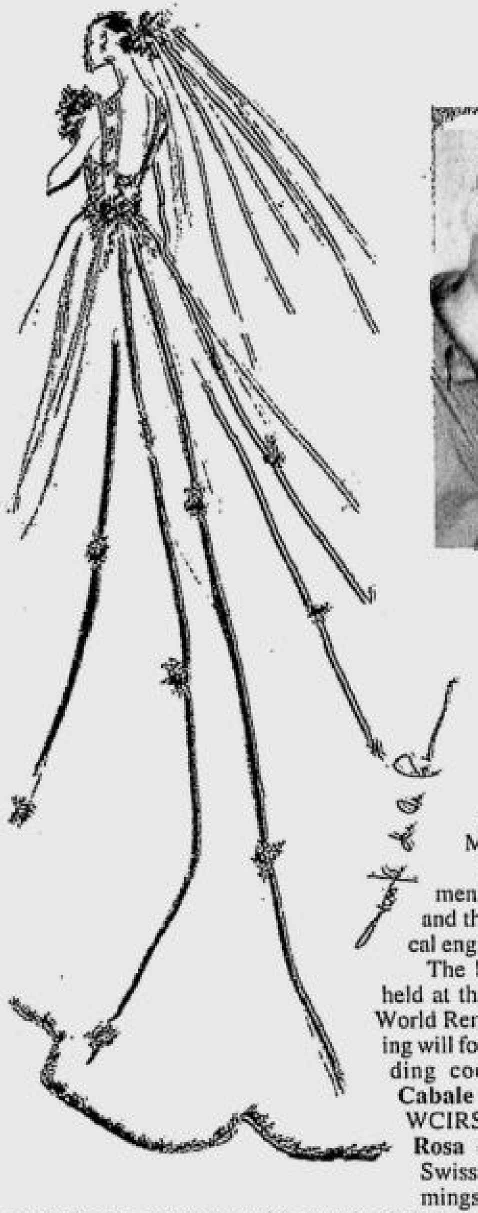
MANGALIAG-RONQUILLO

Ronald Ali Mangaliag, son of **Auring Mangaliag**, and **Kristine Ronquillo**, daughter of **Aycke** and **Fely Ronquillo**, were wed at the Supreme Hotel on Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City on July 21. Reception followed at the bride's residence in Scout Barrio, Baguio City.



ROSAL-NARANJO

Alberto Rosal III, son of engineer and Ms **Alberto C. Rosal**, and **Cristina Naranjo**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Pedro B. Naranjo**, exchanged vows on April 17 at the San Agustin Church. Cristina wore an off-white corset bodice with bouffant skirt made of layers of illusion tulle embellished with cut glass, crystals and sugar beads by **Jun Ricaforte** of I Do. The entourage wore gowns in ice blue and silver motif. The couple now resides in the United States.



COLAGO-VARGAS

Margarita Teresa "Meg" Sales Vargas, daughter of **Filemon "Boogie" Vargas Jr.** and **Leslie Sales-Vargas**, will exchange "I dos" with **Jose Justin Colago**, son of **Leopoldo** and **Josie Colago**, on Sept. 8 at the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Makati City.

The bride is an export management major from La Salle Benilde and the groom is taking up aeronautical engineering at PATTS.

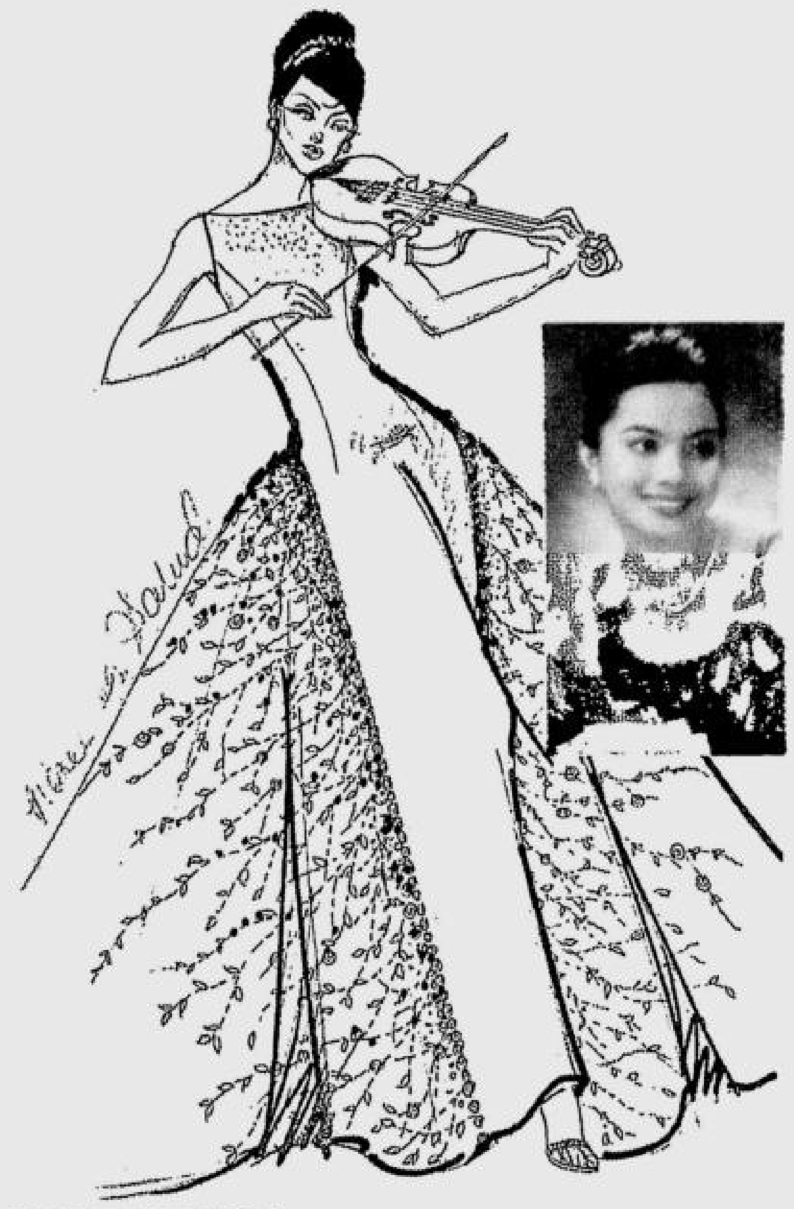
The buffet dinner reception will be held at the Grand Ballroom of The New World Renaissance Hotel. Ballroom dancing will follow after the buffet dinner. Wedding coordinators are **Patricia S.A. Cabale** and **Regina S.A. Labad** of WCIRS Events Planner. **Mike dela Rosa** created Meg's bridal gown in Swiss organza with satin ribbon trimmings and dainty lace appliqué with caviar beads and Swarovski crystals. Dela Rosa also created the bridegroom's tuxedo with white bow-tie. Lilac is the color motif of the wedding.

GUIWO-MENDOZA

Rowena Syquia Mendoza, daughter of former mayor **Raul V. Mendoza** of Calumpit, Bulacan, married **Johnny Guiwo**, son of Mr. and Ms **Domingo Guiwo**. The wedding took place at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood, New Jersey. Reception followed at the Tide Estate in New Jersey. The bride wore a St. Tropez gown bought at Famous David's Bridal Gown in New York.

MERCADO-MENDOZA

Zorina Syquia Mendoza, daughter of former mayor **Raul V. Mendoza** of Calumpit, Bulacan, wed **Stan Mercado**, son of Mr. and Ms **Romeo Mercado**, in San Francisco, California. The wedding took place at Holy Spirit Church and reception followed at Papillon Restaurant. The bride wore a **Jessica McKintosh** gown.



CALIMBAS DEBUT

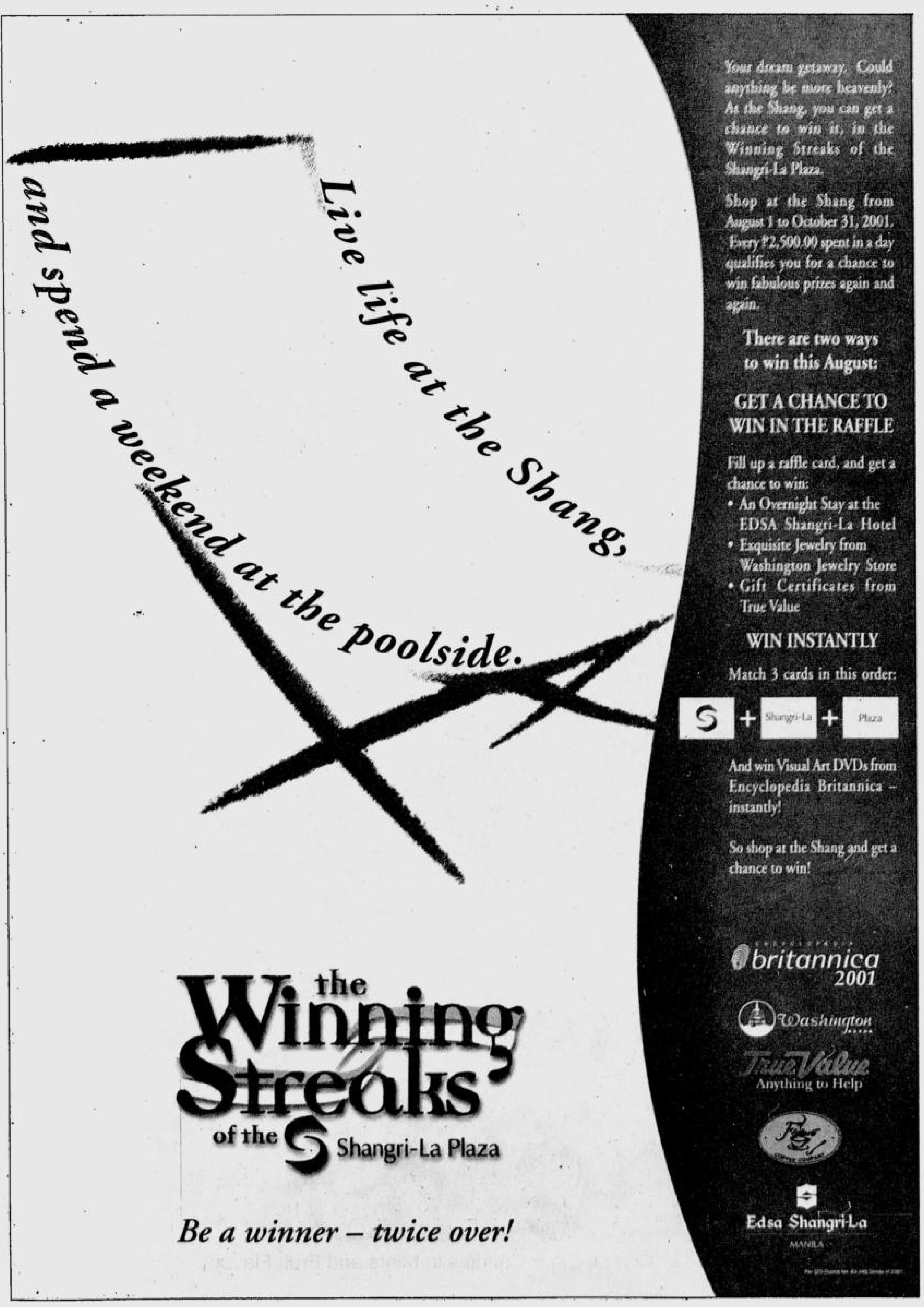
Leslie Rodulfo Calimbas, daughter of the former mayor of Morong, Bataan, Dr. **Catalino A. Calimbas**, an orthopedic surgeon, and Dr. **Edna R. Calimbas**, a pediatrician, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 18 at the Joyous Resort & Restaurant, Balanga City, Bataan.

The debutante will wear a **Renee Salud** creation. The pencil-cut gown with classic Sabrina neckline is made of sunset yellow dupion silk studded on the top bodice with yellow and diamond-clear Swarovski rhinestones, crystals and cut beads. The back of the gown is highlighted by a full bias skirt simulating a train made of white US organza gazar, which is intricately embroidered and traced with silver cut-glass beads, accentuated with dainty, multicolored handcrafted chiffon rosettes and sprinkled with crystals and seed pearls.

She will wear three other gowns designed by **Louie Salazar**, who also did the corset-top gowns of the members of the cotillion in canary yellow and the 18 candles in lime green.

Leslie is a BS Biology sophomore at the De La Salle University. A musician at heart, she wants to be a doctor someday. She displayed her flair for music at the age of 4. She learned to read notes before she could read the alphabet. The violin was her first instrument. At 18, she is a violinist, pianist, keyboardist, guitarist, drummer and vocalist rolled into one. She discovered her knack for singing when she was a freshman in high school and joined her school's choir. On her debut, she will have a mini concert with the DLSU Pops Orchestra, of which she is a member and head of the rhythm section.

Choreography by **Kenneth Halili**, balloon and floral arrangement by **Desiree Adriano**, **Dr. Roman Calina** and **Bernard Cadatal**. Videography by Images. Cake by Swan Bakeshop. Coordination by **Wynn** and **Wewe Ocampo**.



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She hopes that she and a DJ friend won't be just lunch partners

LOVE NOTES

Joe D' Mango

DEAR Joe,

When I was in college, my friends and I would meet at the cafeteria with a transistor radio on Friday mornings to listen to "Love Notes." Now that I'm a junior executive in a Makati-based company, I still find time to listen to this same program, and somehow relive the happy days I had with my college friends.

There were four of us in the group: Charm, the poet; Jeanne, the rebel; Inday, the philosopher; and I, Illah, the radio buff. I don't remember how the four of us got together. All I can say is that we were all taking up AB English.

While other college kids would hang around and vandalize the school catwalks and corridors, we would hibernate in the library to read controversial and hardly read books and later on discuss what we had uncovered. We loved to consider ourselves the Dead Poets Society in that corner of the world.

While Charm was earning her first checks for her contributions to magazines, Jeanne was having a grand time with her unfair share of boyfriends, Inday was luxuriating in her imaginary affairs with Nietzsche and Schopenhauer, while I was counting radio DJ "friends" like feathers in my hat.

Talking to DJs was a way of satisfying my curiosity about the stuff they were made of. Talking to them was cool. A certain Claude has become a very close buddy up to now.

After graduation, Inday got married and went on to be a full-fledged housewife. Charm got pregnant and decided to move in with her boyfriend. Jeanne pursued a career in teaching and I got involved in the exhilarating world of information technology.

Five years since, Inday is still married and has three kids. Charm is still living with her boyfriend and has four kids. Jeanne, like me, is still single and teaching.

In those five years I met several men who filled my emptiness. Two of them, Dave and Rand, became my boyfriends. The rest were just date partners and problems.

Recently, I came across Blue, a DJ from one of the top-rating radio stations. What was striking about him was his being real.

A number of times I nudged him into taking me out to lunch. I accompanied him to buy some unbelievable-for-his-age-and-status type of books. I visited him twice at the station to see how he did things. I came to see a flirtatious DJ in action.

More than a month ago, Blue treated me to lunch. It was his birthday. We didn't talk for a week after. When I called his office, I was informed he was in the province.

Claude, my DJ-friend of seven years, was driving me home from a concert when I opened up about Blue. He laughed at me saying all the while he thought I had already buried the "DJ-killer" title. When he realized I was serious, he said I should forget Blue, for like the rest, DJs are people, too. I do not know what he meant by that, but whatever it was, it kept me quiet on our way home.

I cannot see a sensible way to end this letter. But no matter what the end may be, I hope Blue and I won't forever be just lunch partners.

ILLAH

I have always found it fulfilling to look back 10 years behind, thankful that "Love Notes" has survived the harsh trials of time and glad in knowing that somehow, in its own little way, it has helped a lot of lost souls searching for answers; and a way out of their troubles.

I have my own share of stories to tell about DJs' love affairs and it wasn't surprising to note that a large percentage of announcers have found their partners while performing their duties as broadcasters.

Radio has somehow become an effective catalyst in making friendships blossom into something more profound.

Though it is believed that DJs love to flirt with girls and are perennial heartbreakers, it wouldn't be fair to judge all of them as such.

Just like true-blooded romantics, we also value relationships and always hope for them to last. Blue may have had a displeasing experience with love that had kept him from expressing himself and getting into a commitment he may not be prepared for yet. For all it's worth, I think you have a special place in his heart. The fact that he spent lunch with you on his birthday shows that you're one person he loves to be with. Blue's just probably the kind of man who'd rather keep things to himself. So, just be the real friend you are to him and pray that time may heal his wounds and give him the courage to express what he really feels for you. In your own simple ways, show that you care for him for this will make your friendship grow stronger and deeper.

I wish you luck. The DJ from another radio station involved heard his story the last time I featured a similar episode. The DJ responded and told me that they were able to settle their differences and were starting anew. I also hope that you and Blue wouldn't be just lunch partners forever. Genuine friendships will always be the stronger foundations on which lasting relationships are built. Be thankful that you have found a real friend. He may not be the man you want him to be but remember, sometimes it's better not to have a boyfriend than have one but lose a true friend.

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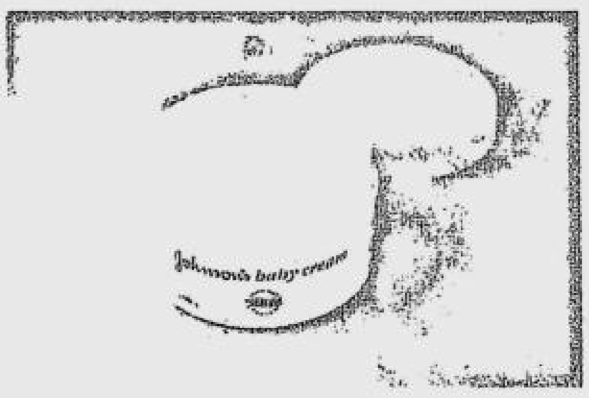

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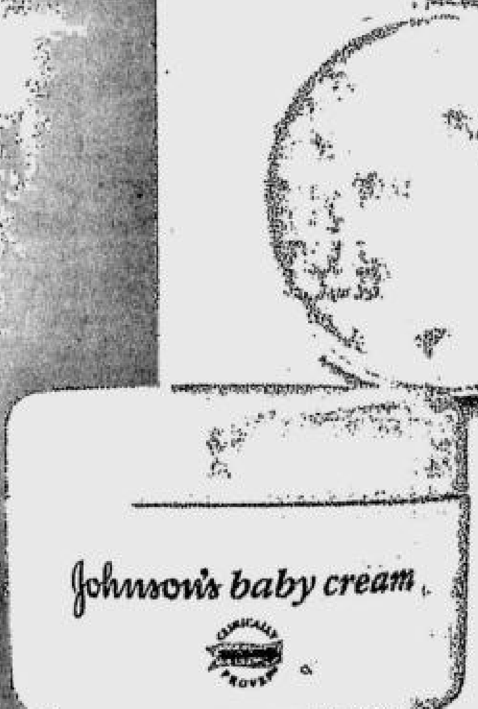

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WITH THE HONG Kong harbor as backdrop, DJ and Karen pose with their friends (from left) Irene Carpo, Rica Cayanga, Garlic Garcia, Boyet Carpo, Julius Quiambao.

HONG Kong wedding

Best friends who complement each other's personality

By Leah Salterio

DJ and Karen before the façade of Hong Kong Peninsula, where the wedding took place.

PHOTOS BY ISA LORENZO

WHEN newscaster Karen Davila tied the knot with her boyfriend of five years, David Jude Sta. Ana, they veered away from the traditional wedding vows and said their spontaneous promises for each other.

They made their own vows in an intimate and very private ceremony held at the Hong Kong Peninsula on July 22.

It was a morning wedding held at the terrace of the presidential suite overlooking the scenic Hong Kong Harbor.

"It was very romantic which was exactly the way we planned it to be," Karen says. "I wanted a small and intimate wedding, à la JFK and Caroline Bessett. At least what we had was somewhat close to that because there were only 15 people in our wedding—our immediate family members and closest friends."

The original plan was to do it in Palawan, where Karen and DJ often go scuba-diving. "But when we started inquiring about the package, we realized it wouldn't be possible to make it small if it's in Palawan."

Since Karen's family was scheduled to have a vacation in Hong Kong, she and DJ decided to hold the wedding ceremony there at the same time.

It was DJ's second marriage, who got his annulment from his first wife on July 19, 1999.

"Our wedding date was exactly two years and three days after he got his annulment," Karen says.

The lady broadcaster discloses she got pointers from two of her friends who also got married abroad—one in Rome and another in Jamaica.

"We got a civil wedding in Manila and held the spiritual ceremony in Hong Kong," she says.

Preparations

Karen is the anchor of ABS-CBN's late-night news, "Headlines." DJ works as news director in the same network. The two met while working at GMA 7.

Karen is the eldest in a brood of three children of Armand and Purita Davila. Her two younger siblings are Koleen and Carlo.

DJ is the youngest of four kids of the late Tempo editor in chief Gus Sta. Ana and Adelaida Sta. Ana.

"DJ's sisters are all in the States that's why only his mom made it to Hong Kong for our wedding," Karen says.

The Hong Kong Peninsula made the preparations easier for the couple.

"They provided the flowers, prepared the cake, champagne and the

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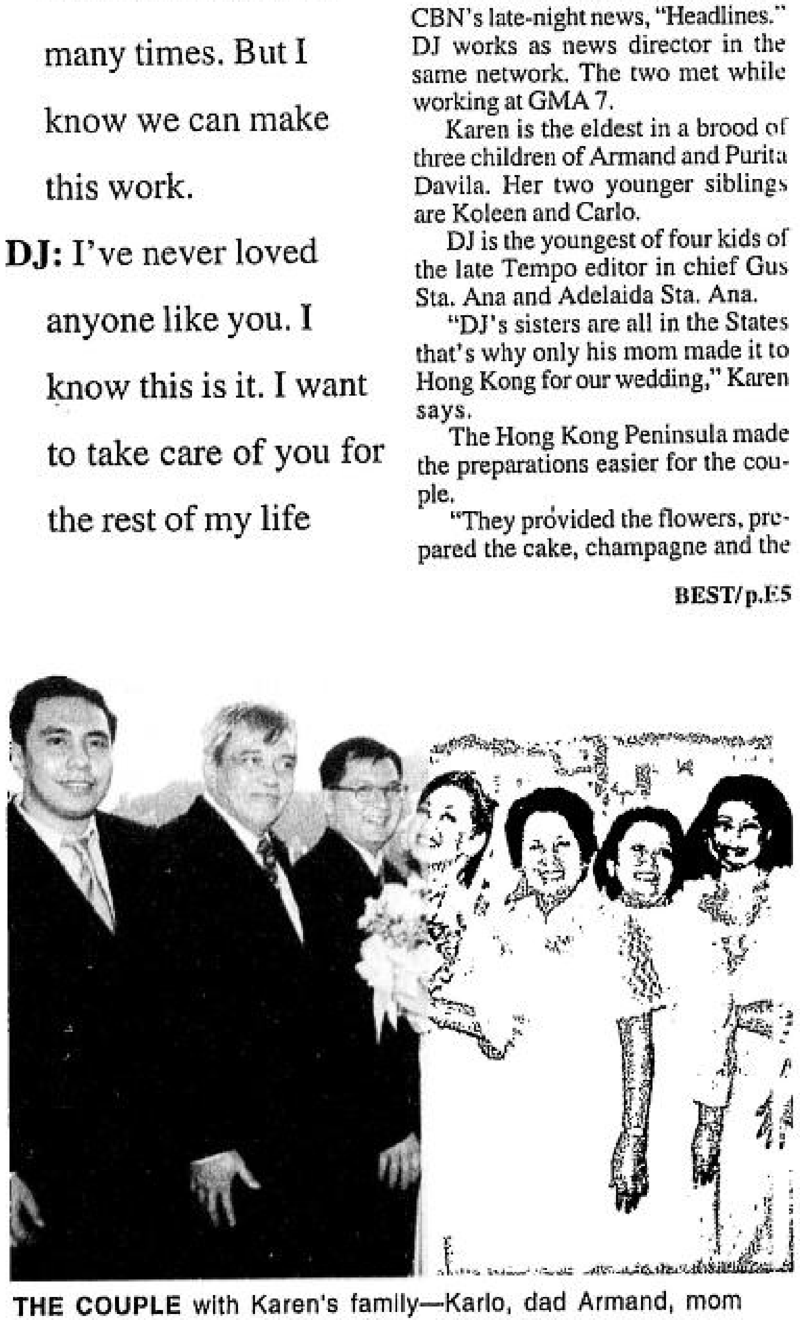
KAREN Davila and DJ Sta. Ana veered away from the traditional wedding vows and said their spontaneous promises for each other.

Karen: I remember what you were wearing the first time I met you. We've been together for so long, but no one has treated me and loved me as much as you have. I'm sorry for the hurtful words that I've said many times. But I know we can make this work.

DJ: I've never loved anyone like you. I know this is it. I want to take care of you for the rest of my life



THE COUPLE with Karen's family—Karlo, dad Armand, mom Purita, aunt Aida Eugenio and sister Koleen

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personalized menu during the reception," Karen offers. "We had the reception at The Verandah, one of the restaurants in the hotel."

A Hong Kong-based Filipino pastor, Danny Villa, officiated the ceremony. Villa is a close family friend of the Davilas. Karen's friend, Isa Lorenzo, took the wedding photos.

Karen admits she is in the family way, but she only found out about her condition three days before they left for Hong Kong.

"When we were planning the wedding, we were oblivious," she says. "We had no idea at all about my condition. I went to my gynecologist who confirmed I was already pregnant at that time. It was not really planned, but I'm hoping that we'd have a family soon."

Karen wore a bridal gown designed by Carla Sibal of Baghera. DJ was in a black Armani suit. The couple's Cartier wedding bands were gifts from DJ's mom.

"Since it was a 7:30 a.m. wedding, I was planning to have my hair blow-dried in the hotel parlor the night before," Karen says. "But when I got back to the hotel after shopping, the parlor was already closed.

"On the morning of my wedding, it was my friend, Irene Carpo, who blow-dried my hair. I did my own makeup."

God-centered

Karen believes her relationship with DJ has lasted this long because they complement each other's personality.

"I've been with him for a long time. We're best friends. He's very quiet and patient. I'm very outgoing and spontaneous."

Their union is also God-centered, that's why it's easy for them to make up whenever they get into petty disagreements.

"We pray together. We know we're not perfect. We've accepted it. We both have weaknesses. For the marriage to work you shouldn't look for the right person, but you have to be the right person.

"We also make an effort to spend quality time together which, I believe, is important for any busy couple."

She admits, however, it was initially difficult in the beginning to get into a relationship with a previously married guy.

"It takes a different kind of maturity to settle down with someone who has experienced marriage already," Karen says. "We really took the time to get to know each other. Even when his marriage was annulled in 1999, we didn't rush to get married."

Even if they're in the same profession, Karen insists they are never competitive.

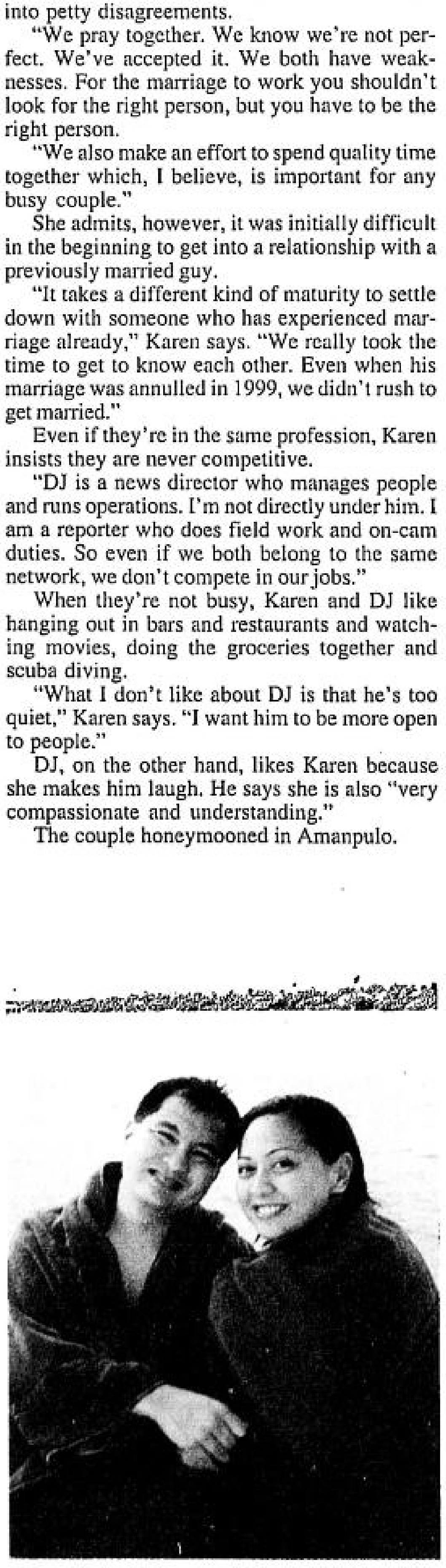
"DJ is a news director who manages people and runs operations. I'm not directly under him. I am a reporter who does field work and on-cam duties. So even if we both belong to the same network, we don't compete in our jobs."

When they're not busy, Karen and DJ like hanging out in bars and restaurants and watching movies, doing the groceries together and scuba diving.

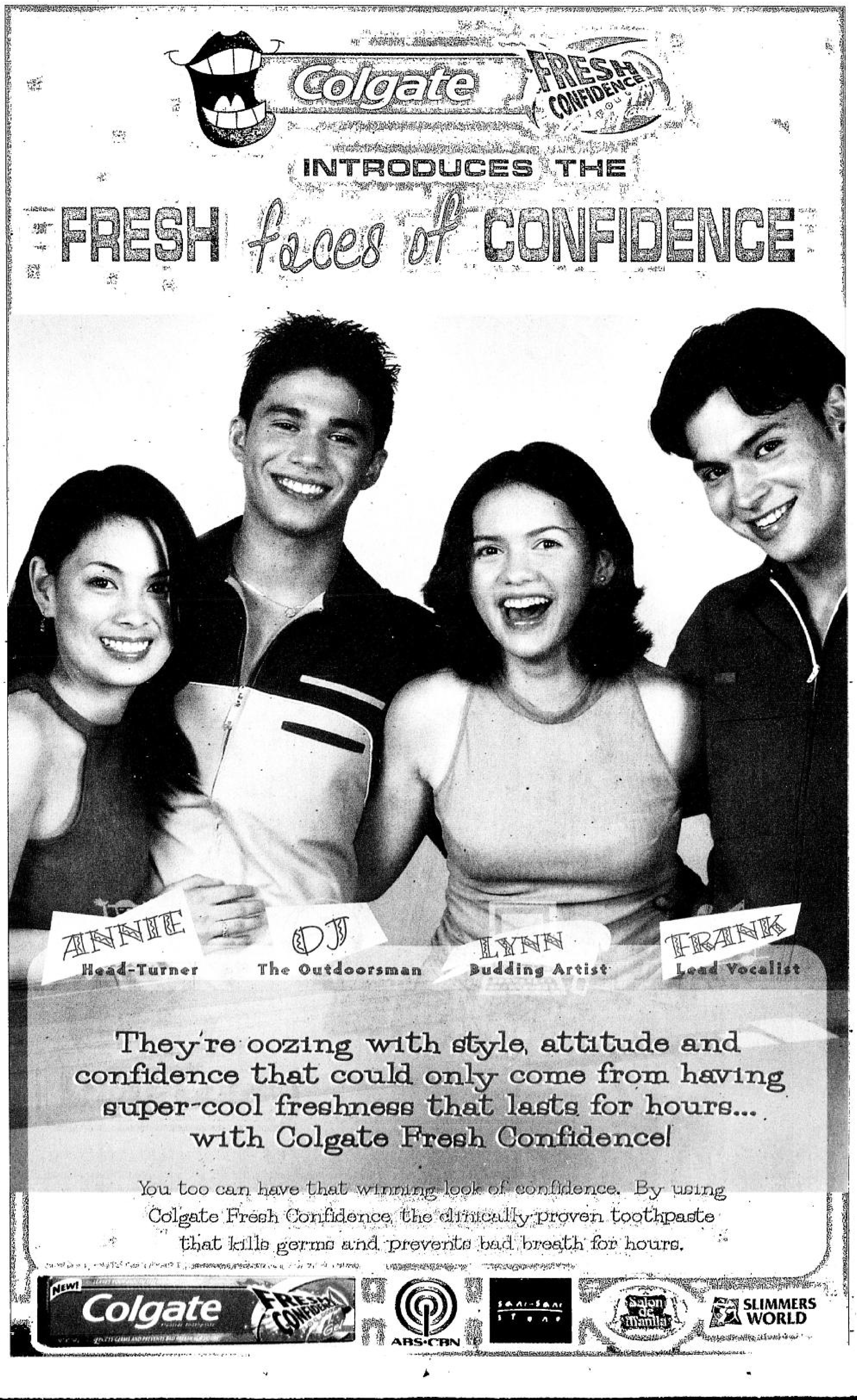
"What I don't like about DJ is that he's too quiet," Karen says. "I want him to be more open to people."

DJ, on the other hand, likes Karen because she makes him laugh. He says she is also "very compassionate and understanding."

The couple honeymooned in Amanpulo.



THE ABS-CBN couple gets a much-needed break from the newsroom.



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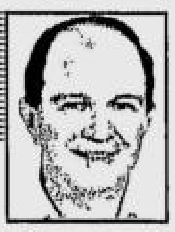

Jaime Picornell

JEWELLE Yeung turned 18 last February and celebrated it in Cebu two weeks ago. School is out in London for her and her friends, many of whom came for the happy occasion. She was radiant in a gown **Inno Sotto** created for her, and was added height with the magnificent tiara specially designed for the Yeung family. But none were more resplendent on this celebration than her parents, HK businessman **Carlos Yeung** and **Mariquita Salimbangon Yeung**.

They had invited some 600 guests from among family and dear friends, some of whom came from afar, like **Jose Barba** and daughter **Gia** from New York; Carlos' brother **K.K. Yeung** who came from HK with lovely wife **Nora** plus their children **Angie** and **Tommy**; HK police commissioner **Y.P. Tsang** with wife **Betty** and a horde of friends; **Graham** and **Maritoni Ellis** as well as **Cora Schweimler** from London; **Ruby Chiu** and **Evelyn Loh** from Malaysia; **Gerri Gutierrez**, wife of the governor of Guam.

Helping their parents were the elder Yeung children: **Carla** who some years ago also had her debut in this dream of a house that overlooks Cebu City from Nivel Hills, and **Martin** who led Jewelle in the brilliant cotillion and the grand waltz that followed—all choreographed by **Benjie Diola**, and with the full Peace Philharmonic Philippines orchestra playing lilting Strauss.

The evening was magical enough as it was. A rain cloud that hovered all afternoon was blown away by zephyr. **Monette Alino** and **Edna Salimbangon** stood at the entrance of the house welcoming all, and leading them in through the soft carpeted hall, and out once again into the terrace.

Before descending the staircase to the garden, one had to stop to catch one's breath. The pool was half covered by a dance floor. There were flowers everywhere, and in the midst of the spotlight stood Mariquita in the Inno masterpiece of plum and peacock blue, sapphires cascading from her neck. Beside her: Carlos, glass in hand, toasted guests as they arrived.

A few more steps below was a parterre where **Teresing Mendezona** and **Amparito Lhuillier**'s cuisine had set three bowers laden with luscious grapes. On the tables were lychees stuffed with crab, cream cheese smothered in caviar, Swiss cheeses from Europa deli, salmon from Norway, lean ham from Parma, omelets of potato and spinach, green and black olives seasoned like relish, and more. At two ends of the garden waiters poured wines and champagne.

The prelude to the cotillion had **Leah de los Santos** singing, the Repertory singers doing an intro number, and the Queen City Ballet heralding the entrance of the dancers. They were **Lauren Salimbangon, Gizela Salimbangon, Jessica Shaw, Jessica Harkiewich, Chion Sasaki, Nadia Schweimler, Paulina Ruiz, Rachel Ngan, Michelle Faustmann** and **Bianca Reichle**.

Their partners: **Paolo Salimbangon, Harold Salimbangon, Francis Salimbangon, Freddie Salimbangon Jr., Michael Salimbangon, Dan Paul Salimbangon, Cyrus Cookson, Karam Sondhi, Marco Ringgle** and **Robby Afzelius**. Later in the evening, Carla read a poem she wrote for Jewelle, and plaques of appreciation were presented to the celebrant. One came from **Loring Victorino** in behalf of the St. Martin de Porres School for indigent mentally retarded children, which Jewelle supports. Another came from **Melinda Demeterio**, principal of the Banawa Elementary School, which Jewelle has adopted.

Dinner was served at the tennis court of the big property, only no one thought it was a tennis court, covered as it was by a lawn carpet, and set with gleaming tables. Huge columns rose more than 10 meters high to hold a trellis of greenery. Congratulated for the magnificent buffet were **Lita Urbina** and her son **Raki** of Café Laguna fame, and for the elaborate cake, **Marissa Unchuan**. Every pastry imaginable was on the dessert buffet, but we just went straight to that rock crystal font that held luscious cherries from China.

Helping their sister Mariquita and Carlos make this dream of a party come true were her five brothers, all dapper in their black tux or crisp barongs—**Cesar** with wife **Fely**, **Ben Hur** with wife **Janice**, **Edwin** with wife Edna, **Freddie**, and **Danilo** with wife **Ulpha**.

The breeze, responsible for bringing out the full moon, and those twinkling stars overhead, also brought with it the sounds of lively music. **Linda Dajao** and her band, and the 60-2-80 Band, alternated in dishing out every dance step on the book. And even if you didn't know any of those intricacies, champagne can be a daring teacher. Going home early? **Merced Franco** and her court were asked by the solicitous hosts.

It was about 2 a.m., and the gyrating crowd couldn't have cared less. Mariquita, Benjie and **Margie Lhuillier** set the record by dancing up to the crack of dawn—4 a.m. Anyone for *arroz caldo*? They served it in one of the terraced gardens. Later in the day, Mariquita and Carlos, with their family, and out of town guests went to their Villa Milagros in Daan Bantayan, 130 km way up north, to spend a week bathing in the sea, playing golf, horseback riding, or just walking around the countryside.

They returned on their yacht to Cebu City the next weekend, only for Mariquita and the trustees of her charitable foundation to set off for Catmon, a municipality in northern Cebu where they inaugurated a charity clinic. They now have a total of seven—two in Daan Bantayan itself, one in Tabogon, another in Alcoy, one more in Asturias, and in Medellin from where the Salimbangon family hails.

MARTIN leads his sister Jewelle in the cotillion.

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dash of ground black pepper
dash of ground nutmeg

PROCEDURE
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2. Mix chicken, celery, apples, grapes, pineapple, mandarin oranges and pasta in large bowl.
3. Mix mayonnaise, milk, sugar, salt, a dash of pepper and a dash of nutmeg.
4. Combine mayonnaise and chicken mixtures and toss. Serve chilled.

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Things to be thankful for, brunch place and Pinoy set to fire up Harper's Bazaar

By Anton San Diego

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Crane's in Manila has been used for a lot of wedding invitations (a definite imprimatur to all weddings, like the **Inno Sotto** or **Joe Salazar** gown the bride must be wearing). Actually, whenever I receive an invite I look at the stationery, and if it's Crane's, somehow I know it's going to be a good wedding. Crane's also has invitations, thank you and personal, sympathy and birth announcements.

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On being grateful. I have learned the value of gratitude. In life it's easy to complain about bad things, harder to be thankful about the good. So this week TNT writes about things that we are thankful for.

TNT would like to thank: The inventors of Post-it notes, Styrofoam cups and shoe laces... 24-hour HBO movies... Anyone who has ever dared to be different, gone against the flow and walked on the wild side... Inspiring stories like the triumph at the Tour de France (for the third time) of cyclist and cancer-stricken **Lance Armstrong**... Faith in God... Filipino politics which, despite everything, still manages to make our life interesting... The inventors of deodorant, cologne, potpourri, Glade and somesuch for making our world a better place to live in... Trends and people who refuse to follow them... Diving under the sea, under the sheets with a loved one, into someone's heart... Disney movies... Makeup on women, which makes life a bit more bearable... Katherine Graham... Chocolates... Second chances... Shopping... The Adam's apple, which allows us to tell the real woman from the fake... Raindrops on your car and listening to Joey 92.3... Sex... Animals, except frogs and toads... Being able to dream... Waking up in the morning and realizing you can still sleep for another two hours... Humble and selfless people... Sundays... Hardworking politicians who just do their jobs for the sake of the country and not for themselves... Nike and Reebok shoes... Plastic surgery and the great jobs they have produced, except Jocelyn Wildenstein's... The tooth fairy and Santa Claus... Choices... Pasta in all its different shapes and forms... Falling down, getting up and starting all over again... Arrogant liars and catty people who let us know whom to avoid... Comfortable shoes... Bowel laxative... Black and white and everything that's gray... Love.

TNT bits

ANITA Roddick, founder of Body Shop, has announced she will sell her $150 million stake in the company and give it to charity. Roddick, known for her campaigns against cruelty to animals and for the environment, told reporters, "I am serious in doing this task." She intends to use the money to help the children in wartorn Kosovo, where she recently opened a school.

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Stephen Gan has been named Harper's Bazaar's creative director, replacing **Michael Botbol**. **Glenda Bailey**, who took over from **Kate Betts**, chose the 35-year-old Filipino who has made waves in the fashion scene. Bailey says, "I have been a huge admirer of Stephen's work. He is a groundbreaking, innovative genius. Together we will make Bazaar not only a must-read, but also a must-see fashion bible."

Stephen used to be the fashion editor of Details and did ad campaigns for Calvin Klein, Dior Homme and Shisheido. He is the editor of V and Visionnaire, the high fashion magazine.

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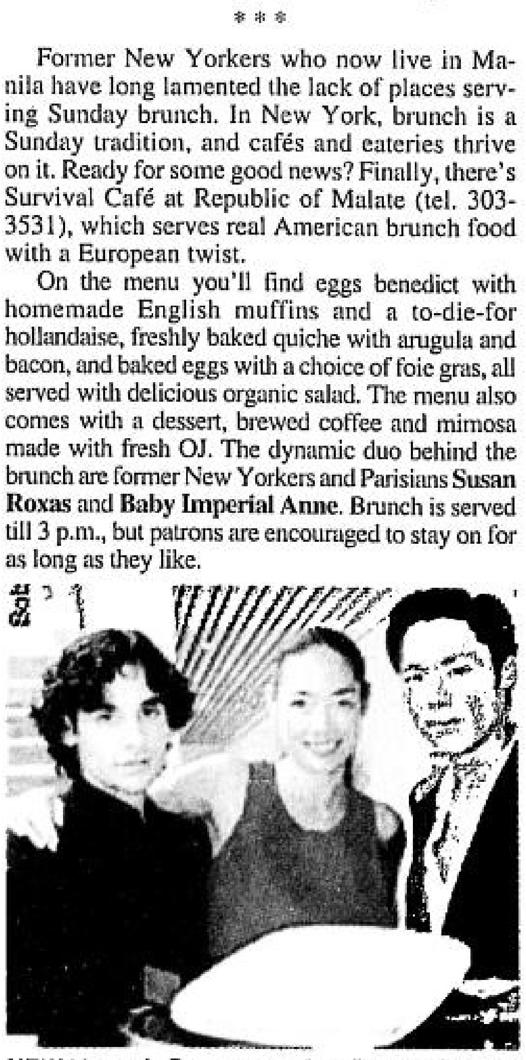
Former New Yorkers who now live in Manila have long lamented the lack of places serving Sunday brunch. In New York, brunch is a Sunday tradition, and cafés and eateries thrive on it. Ready for some good news? Finally, there's Survival Café at Republic of Malate (tel. 303-3531), which serves real American brunch food with a European twist.

On the menu you'll find eggs benedict with homemade English muffins and a to-die-for hollandaise, freshly baked quiche with arugula and bacon, and baked eggs with a choice of foie gras, all served with delicious organic salad. The menu also comes with a dessert, brewed coffee and mimosa made with fresh OJ. The dynamic duo behind the brunch are former New Yorkers and Parisians **Susan Roxas** and **Baby Imperial Anne**. Brunch is served till 3 p.m., but patrons are encouraged to stay on for as long as they like.



NEW Harper's Bazaar creative director. Filipino Stephen Gan, seen here with James Kaliardos and Cecilia Dean, is set to remake fashion journalism.

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I can't get through August without... Congratulating **Jamby Madrigal**, who is getting married to her long-time French beau... Knowing what's up with **Serge Osmeña** and why all of a sudden he's in the Opposition... Knowing if **Ping Lacson** really has all that wealth... Going to Shiraz, the hippest bar in Manila... Skipping the movie "Planet of the Apes," which is a disappointment... Checking out the new play of **Bobby Garcia**, "Hedgwig and the Angry Inch," which will soon be a movie as well... Congratulating **Marge Enriquez** on her dance performance last Thursday at RCBC plaza... Saying hello and giving a good pat on the back to **Emmy Boncadin** and **Dinky Soliman**. Keep up the good work!... Congratulations likewise to Commissioner **Teresita "Ging" Delez** of the National Anti-Poverty Commission who is equally doing a good job... Finding out what's up with **Johnny Ponce Enrile**, **Miriam Santiago**, **Kit Tatad** and **Nikki Coseteng**—maybe the less we know and see of them, the better... Going to Dencio's at The Fort—good food and interiors and reasonable prices... Getting the nerve to finally try yoga... Getting a copy of the Philippine Tatler, which will be available by the end of the month (I know this is self-serving since I'm the editor). It's a must-buy, especially because of who's on the cover!... Congratulating the investigative programs of ABS-CBN and GMA.

HOORAY to plastic surgeons, except to Jocelyn Wildenstein's.

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Attention to Diary of Constance followers: Sorry, but your favorite socialite and ex-Mare is out of commission this week as she is undergoing her 10th liposuction. She will have fully recovered by next week. Till then!

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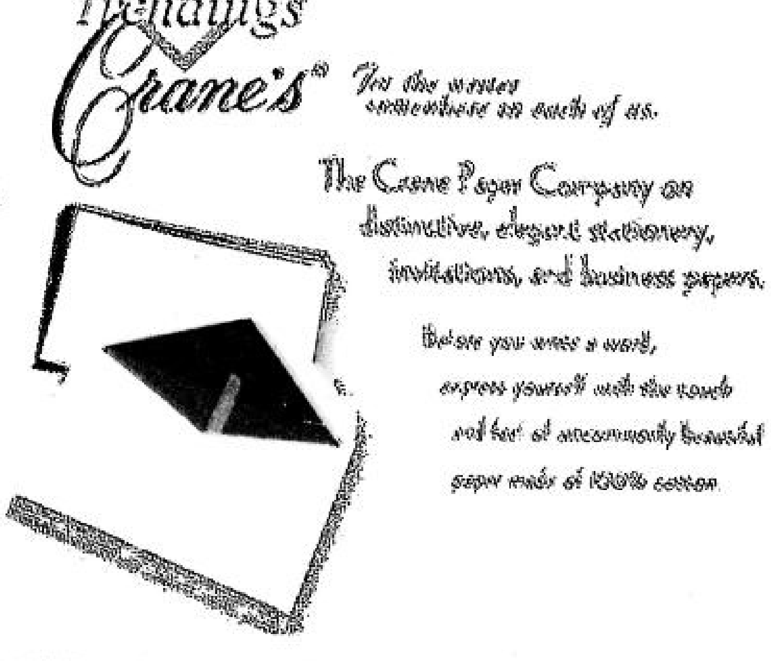
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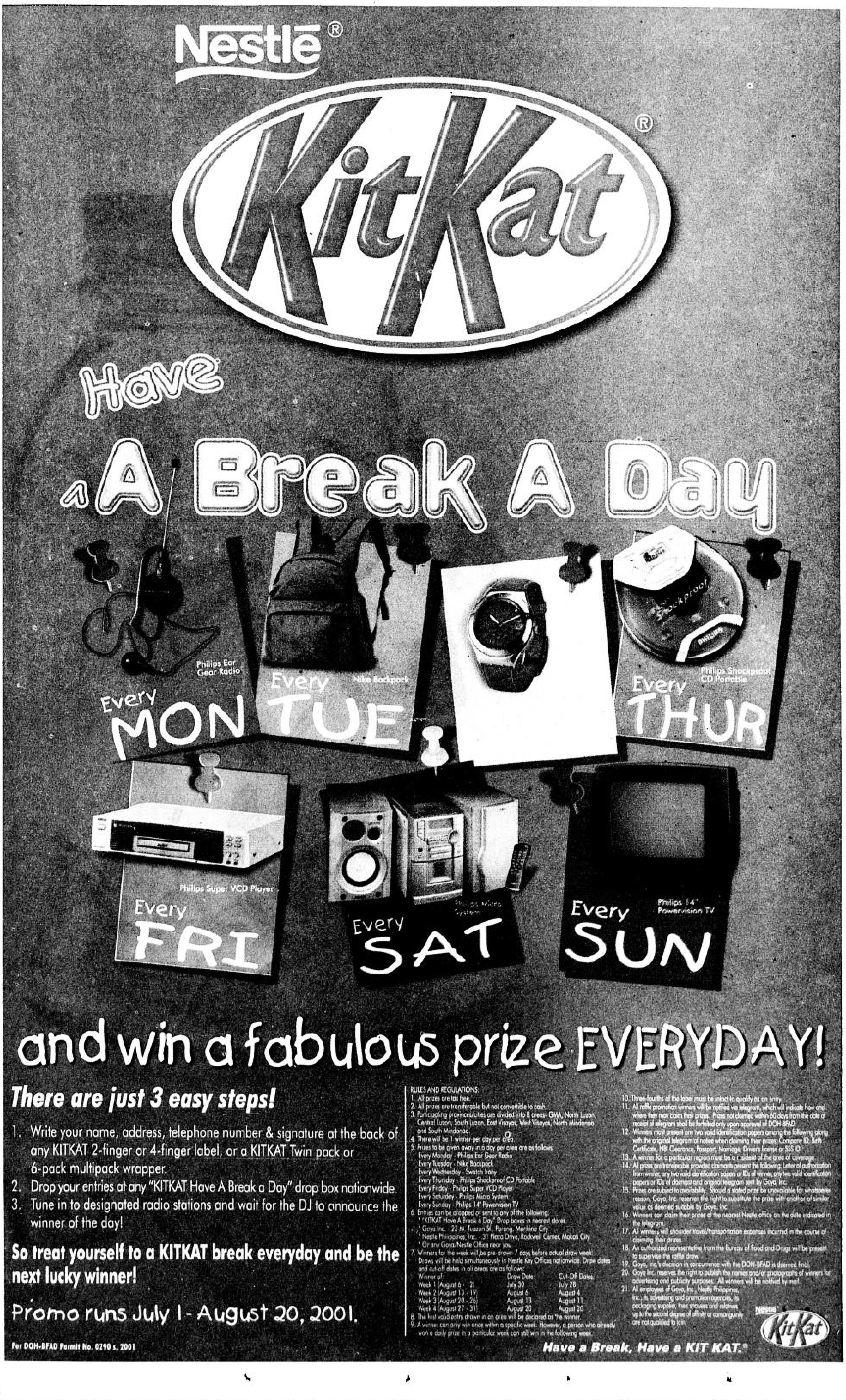

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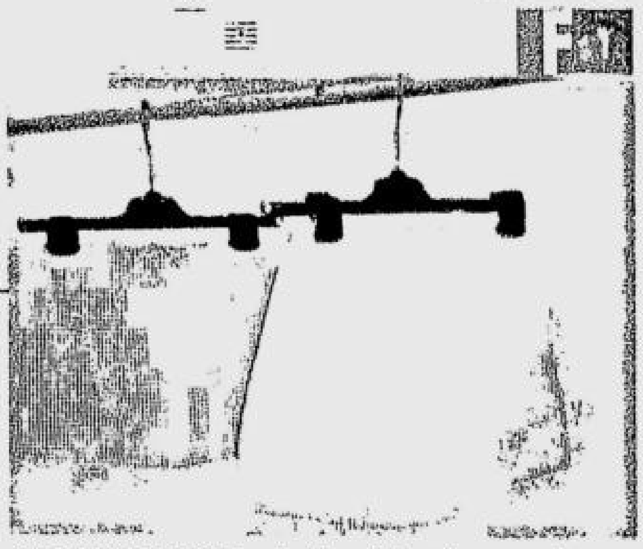

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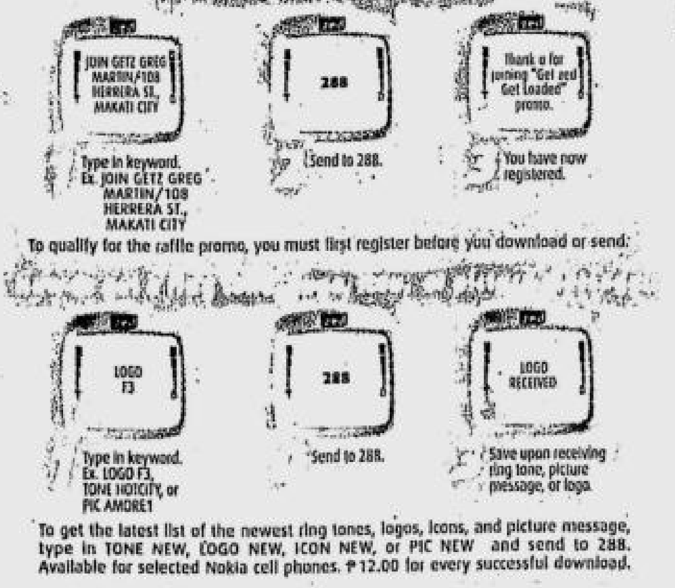
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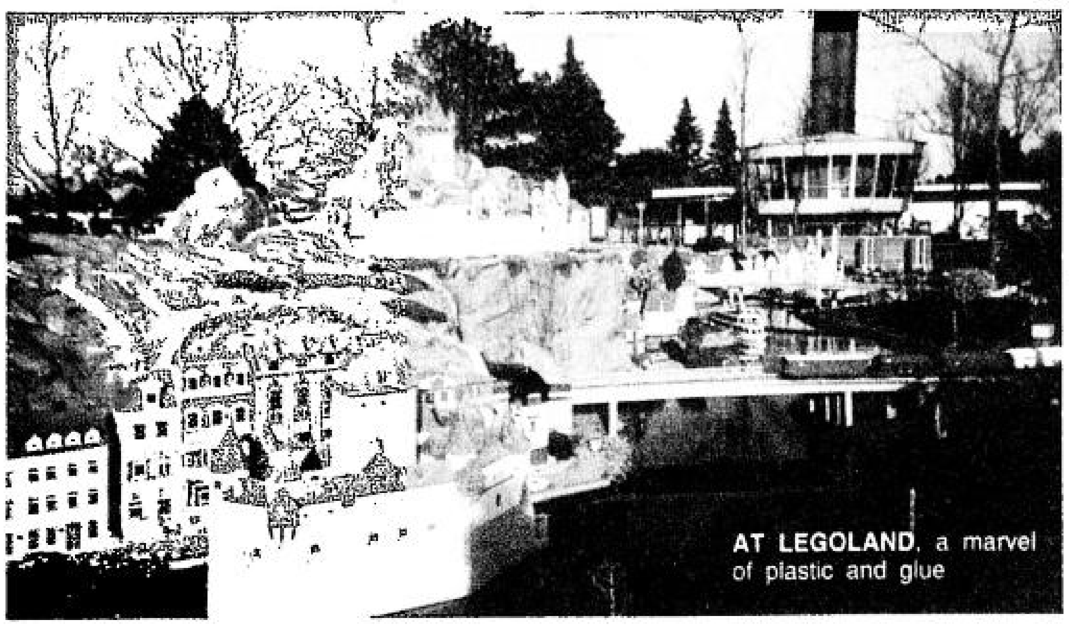

AT LEGOLAND, a marvel of plastic and glue

Delightful Denmark

By Eva S.E. Aranas-Angel

WHEN the Boeing 747 lands at Frankfurt Main airport from Istanbul, my friend Sundar, who is bound for Berlin, busses me on both cheeks, gets into his trench coat, slings his black leather bag on his shoulder and tells me to "enjoy the weather."

"Enjoy the weather, my foot!" I retort. And he laughs as we head toward our respective boarding gates. Earlier, I squinted over the weather news of the International Herald Tribune, which reported that the temperature in Copenhagen would range from a low of -7 degrees and a high of 4 degrees C.

I am flying into Denmark in the final days of March, anticipating the prospect of the end of a long and dark winter and the early start of spring. But when I set foot on the labyrinthine Kastrup Airport, my hands are numb from the biting cold.

Although many tourists are content to spend the entirety of their visit to Denmark in its capital, Copenhagen, I choose a road less traveled and spend more time in Aarhus, its second largest city with about a quarter of a million people. It is nestled on the eastern coast of the Jutland peninsula and is 25 minutes by plane, four hours by train and three-and-a-half hours by car from Copenhagen.

Cruising the roads of Denmark, with its near perfect highway systems and tree-lined streets, is a delectable experience. There is no traffic to speak of, and we are running at a speed of 140 kilometers, sometimes more, per hour, leaving behind puffs of snow on the pavement.

This time of year the trees are bare, awaiting the promise of a reluctant spring.

"It's not always like this," says my friend Catherine as we stuff groceries in my basket at Fotex. "Even I am puzzled by the weather."

I come in with my shadow from the mid-morning sun and as I trace the cobblestone steps back to my place, there are specks of snow on my shoulders and hair.

Aarhus

Unlike other Old World European cities, Aarhus is not "touristy." But it is attractive just the same. Its appeal lies not in what it has but in what it does not have—the pretenses, the frills and fussiness both in fashion or furniture, the put-on manner and demeanor so commonplace in the cosmopolitan cities peddled in travel and tour packages. It is this quaintness that is Aarhus' strength, but the same strength may also be its weakness. To a weary urbanite seeking quietude, Aarhus can be nirvana. To a party animal, it can indubitably be ho-hum.

Still, Aarhus is not entirely without thrills. It has a vibrant social club among locals in the evenings, free language classes for foreign residents and dance (*salsa*) clubs. The restaurant row is a patchwork of Asian, European, Arabic and Scandinavian cuisine, all within striking distance of one another. Evenings, in spite of the chill, movie houses are almost always full. (Here I watch "Miss Congeniality," retitled "Agent Catwalk," in Cine City.)

In Badstuegade where our apartelle sits smack in the middle of the commercial district, one awakes to the chime of the bells of the Cathedral of St. Clement, otherwise known as the Aarhus Cathedral and itself a tourist attraction.

The Romanesque cathedral is over 300 feet long and richly adorned with gold and stained-glass windows that have survived a 300-year history of construction, destruction and restoration. Construction started in the year 1200, a few years after the art of building bricks was introduced in Denmark.

In Aarhus, it is not necessary to hop from one museum to another to imbibe a sense of the past. Surrounding the cathedral are red brick buildings—some flaking and peeling off, some caked in mud, but withstanding the ravages of nature and time. Old homes, perhaps once proud, have been converted into art shops, galleries, cafés and pottery houses.

It's not necessary to hop from one museum to another to get a sense of the past. Red brick buildings stand defiant against nature and time. Old houses are preserved as shops, galleries and cafés

On a weekend, the eponymous St. Clement's Torv (Square) is bustling with people as merchants in makeshift stalls sell their wares on the sidewalks—mostly fresh fruits and vegetables, potted *kalanchoe* and mums, bundles of roses and multicolored tulips, African bangles and dreadlocks.

On a clear day, in the same square, one sees a tourist guide craning her neck and straining to be heard by a pack of 30 or so young tourists, perhaps French, English or German, pleading with them to "be back here at exactly 4:15." And the pack scampers in all directions. After all, most shops close at 4 or 5 p.m. on a weekday.

Magasin is the biggest store I visited in Aarhus. But the whole stretch of the main road is lined by shops selling bric-a-brac (I found, with almost juvenile delight, a pair of dolls in skimpy beach wear for my elderly-couple doll collection); the *de rigueur* Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales, busts and porcelain plates; postcards; and other stuff that make up once-in-a-lifetime memories.

Legoland

Perhaps it is this lassitude during the work week that compels many Danes to get a life on weekends. They do it by downing (or drowning in) beer (Carlsberg, what else?), which men and women alike carry from Fotex on a Friday afternoon. Or they take long drives or field trips to the countryside, like we do. When Italian friends Emiliana from Trieste and Francesca from Rome come for the weekend, we decide to take the hour-long drive to Billund for—wow—Legoland.

POSTCARD-PRETTY church in Ebeltoft

We slept late the night before, having spent the time catching up on each other's lives and projects (Emiliana's impact of exercise on aging and Francesca's effect of age on heart rate variability), and so we wake up late in the morning. It is a Sunday, April Fool's Day, but we agree that it is going to be a lovely day. We are ready for Legoland.

Federico, another Italian, a young Danish couple and their two children and a sprinkling of Asians join us. Perhaps worried that he will be distracted by our interminable babble, he asks us to remind him to make a right turn when we get to Vejle. From Vejle, one makes a turn to get to Billund.

On the way we are presented a panorama of cattle and barns, country houses, windmills, cloudy skies, and more cloudy skies. We arrive in Legoland shortly after noon. We join the long queue and pay the entrance fee of 160 kroner (about $20).

FRIENDS with Lego Dane on a bench

As a theme park, Legoland-Billund (there are others in Windsor in England and Carlsbad in the United States) has many components. But it might as well be the "plastic city," its main attraction being the Miniland. Using millions of standard Lego bricks and pieces, Legoland is a miniature mirror image of the real thing, just as meticulous as it is complex. This windy afternoon the park is brimming with people from toddlers to the tottery. They swarm around the charming miniature cities showcasing order, serenity and accuracy amid the prospect of geographical improbability and incongruity.

As I amble into its narrow, almost foot-wide paths, I feel like a giant standing tall in my plastic kingdom. From a distance, Miniland is picture-perfect. It is only when one looks closely that a megapixelized city in plastic and glue is revealed—the lovers locked in an embrace in a boat in dry dock on the waterfront, the signage, the tower of Munich airport, the lighthouse by the wharf of Copenhagen, the oil rig, the snow cap on Mt. Fiji, the medieval castles, the Statue of Liberty, the canals of Amsterdam…

At the park, we each pursue our own interests. Francesca, Emiliana and I think a picture with an elderly Dane sleeping on a bench is perfect. We do not disturb the old man, of course—he's made of Lego. Federico puts up a sword fight with Darth Vader, with R2D2 beside him.

"The lessons of Legoland are not about a particular architectural style over another," Tom Vanderbilt wrote. "What makes the miniature cities compelling is that they, like other reproductions, give an illusion of an entire city at a glance. To do this, they must collapse our ideas of what a city is into a digestible piece of information—one that adheres to our preconceptions—with significant buildings faithfully reproduced, time-honored urban districts included and enduring notions of civil life held intact."

The welcome brochure tells one that "you are about to enter an enchanted world, where grown-ups are transported back to childhood and children feel like giants." The whole park suddenly bubbles with life and one who may have lost a childhood can always hope to reclaim part of it in Legoland.

From Legotop, the rotating observation tower, one is afforded a bird's eye view of the world. And this is perhaps the reason for its success, why a stream of visitors continues to come since it opened in 1968. What many probably only dream of doing in a lifetime becomes concrete in a day in this plastic city.

Ebeltoft

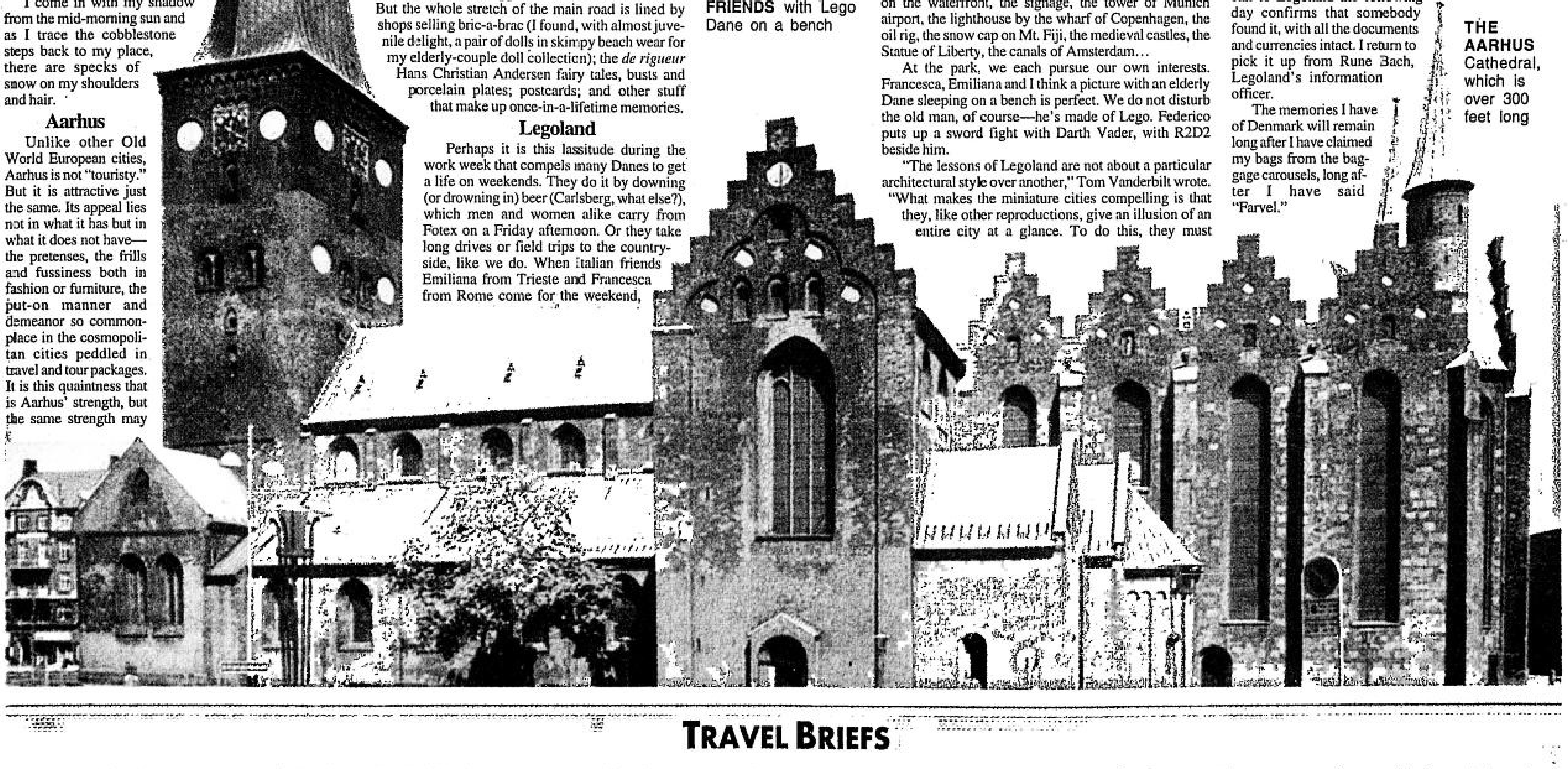
The next weekend is also spent in the countryside—Ronde (for the Round Church) and the church at Ebeltoft, an abbreviated, if not early, "Visita Iglesia" for the Holy Week. The following day we head to Grenaa, where the Kattegattcentret is found, its main attraction being the shark tunnel and tanks and a glimpse of life under the sea.

Ebeltoft is a small and quiet town that may well be an open-air museum. Its old houses are said to date back to the Renaissance period—nothing higgledy-piggledy here as the houses, some with red stucco roofs, are lined in neat rows.

One finds in Ebeltoft the smallest town hall, commonly called "The Old Town Hall," and the Frigate Jylland, the world's longest wooden vessel. But it being a Sunday, the museums are closed.

Despite the weather there are many things to love about Denmark—its history that retells the conquests of the Vikings, its people's inordinate attention to environmental correctness, and their honesty. While making the round of Legoland, I must have been so overcome with excitement that I do not notice my wallet fall out of my backpack until I am home. A call to Legoland the following day confirms that somebody found it, with all the documents and currencies intact. I return to pick it up from Rune Bach, Legoland's information officer.

The memories I have of Denmark will remain long after I have claimed my bags from the baggage carousels, long after I have said "Farvel."


THE AARHUS Cathedral, which is over 300 feet long

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Henderson, whose agency specializes in transporting inbound passengers from Europe, pointed out that when Executive Order No. 219 was signed in 1995, new players like Cebu Pacific, Asian Spirit, Air Philippines, Mindanao Air and SEAIR entered the domestic scene and increased air seat capacity.

She cited figures from the Civil Aeronautics Board indicating a 67-percent growth in air access to various destinations in the Philippines. She also said the number of seats available to domestic travelers rose from 6 million in 1995 to 10 million in 1999.

Henderson added that competition had also made travel more affordable. For example, she said, a roundtrip ticket for the Manila-Davao route that cost P5,128 was priced at P2,963 in 1999.

She said niche airlines such as Asian Spirit, Mindanao Express and SEAIR also started to provide service to tertiary routes that Philippine Airlines abandoned in 1998.

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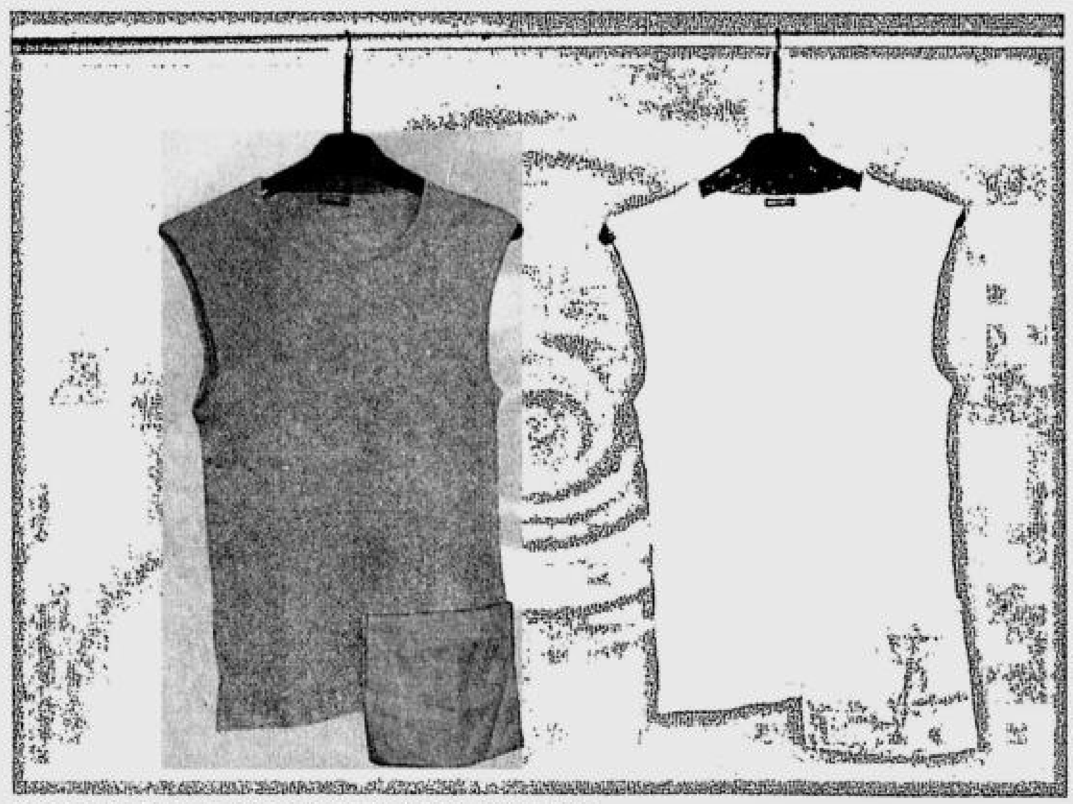

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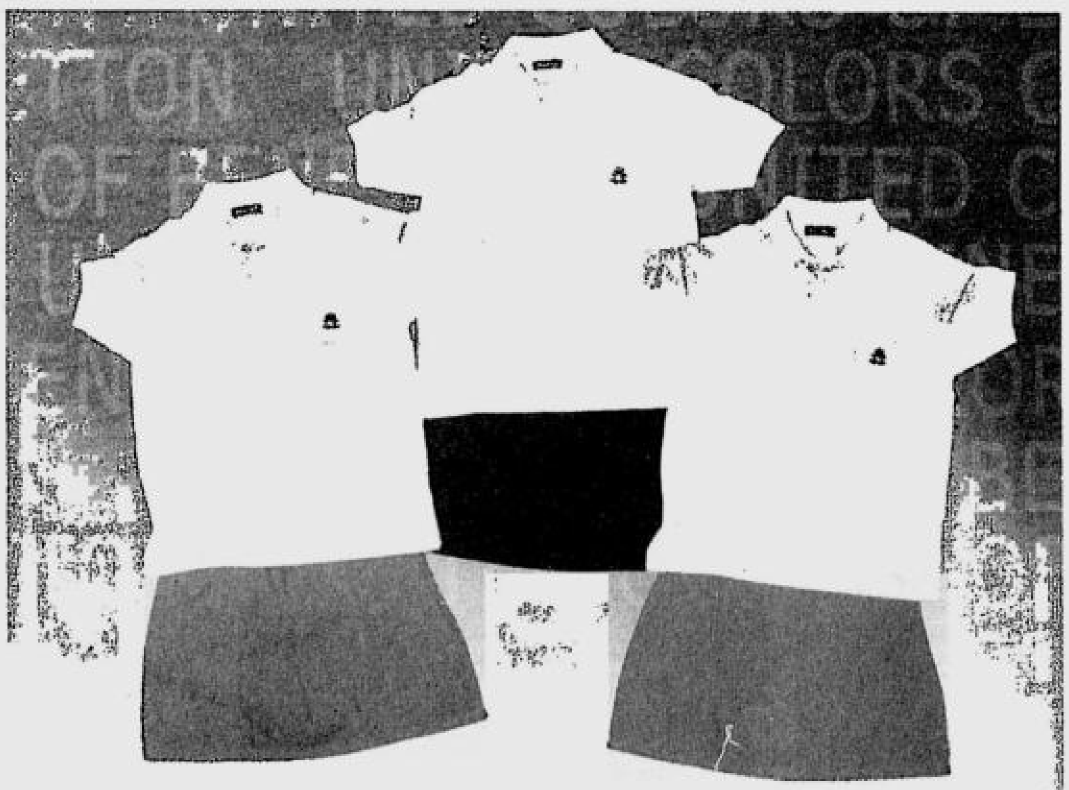

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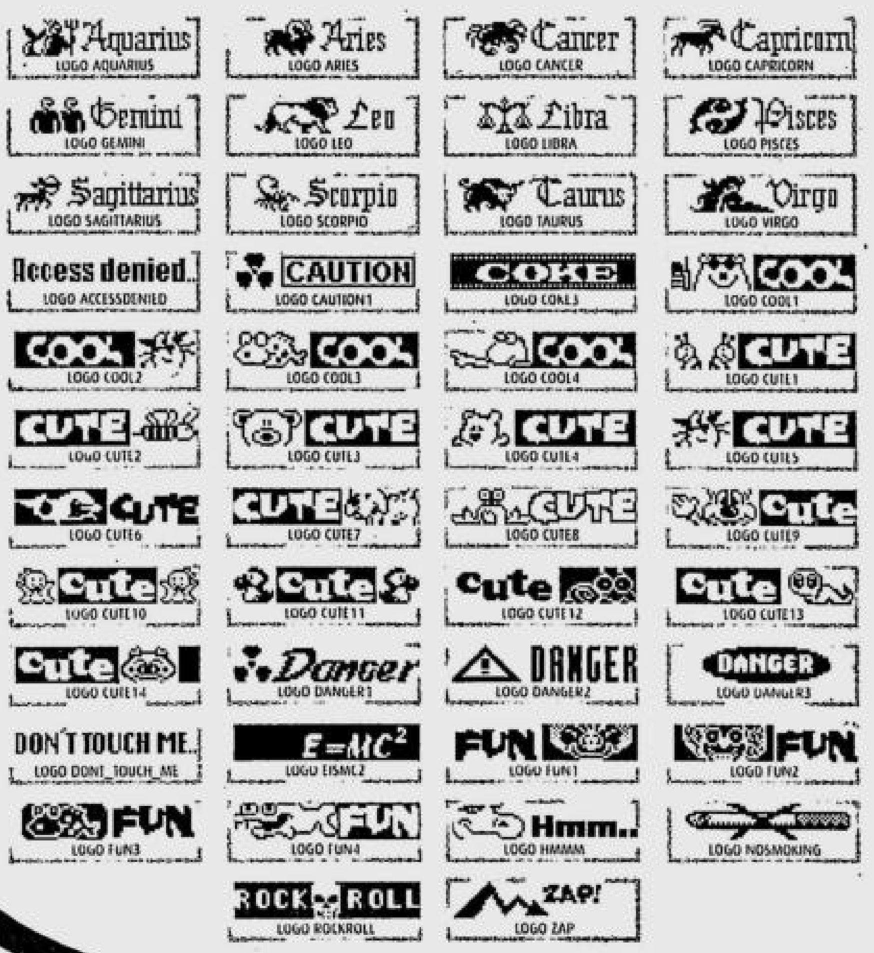

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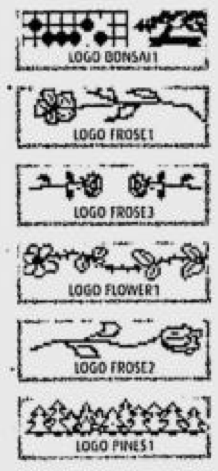

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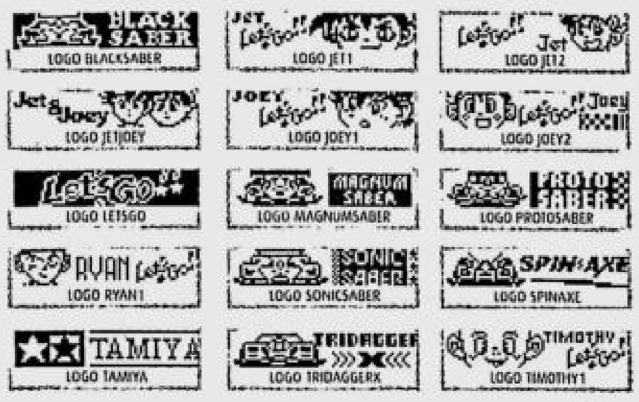

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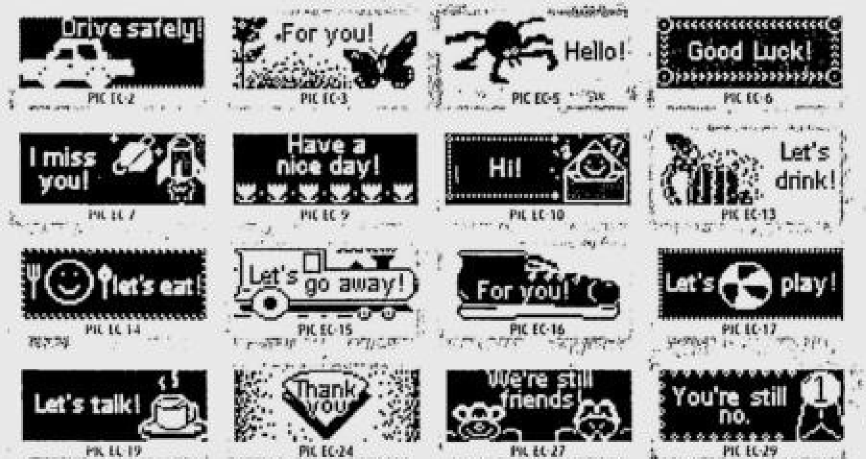

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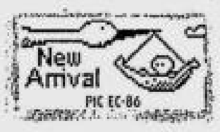

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Interested applicants may send their letters of application, resumé, and latest 2 x 2 colored picture to:

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Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City
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- Willing to travel

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- Graduate of a 4-year course, preferably in Social Science
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Human Resource Management & Administration Unit
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- College graduate; Computer literate
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- Proficient in oral and written communication
- Willing to do field work; Can work under pressure
- Team player, flexible and aggressive

ACCOUNTING CLERKS
- Accounting graduate; Female, not more than 25 years old
- At least 1 year experience as Accounting Clerk
- Well versed in MS Excel and other accounting system

COMPUTER TECHNICIANS
- Computer related courses
- Experienced in PC installation, PC trouble shooting,
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SALES CLERKS
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- With good communication skills

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- Must have skills in trouble shooting of different kinds of office equipment
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- Graduate of Mechanical Engineering
- At least 3 years related work experience

OPERATIONS STAFF/DRIVER (OS/D-001)
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VALUABLE PAMPHLET

I ran across the article "Forgetting and Reviving Militarism" (**SIM**, 1 July 2001) which featured the pamphlet "Sack of Manila." I am a wide reader but I have never read such a detailed account of the liberation days of Manila. I fervently hope you can help me acquire such a valuable pamphlet.

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(According to columnist John Silva, the pamphlet is no longer available; the copy we featured is part of John's personal collection. You are welcome, however, to address any more questions to John or Jonathan Best at endpage2000@hotmail.com.*)*

THE NERVE

I read your cover story (**SIM**, 15 July 2001) and it got me on a slow burn at the nerve and intestinal temerity of BAMI (Bayanihan Music Philippines) to claim rights to *"Anak."*

Most everyone knows *"Anak"* is Freddie Aguilar and Freddie Aguilar is *"Anak."* BAMI might have a different take on this, but they would be historically and ethically wrong to claim something so nationally significant as the song *"Anak"* for a measly peso!

I now have a question: Who are the owners of BAMI? Who are the people behind this odious plot? Please publish their names, or at least provide us with such names so we can touch base with them and "give 'em a piece of our mind" on this very issue! Thanks.

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I think it's about time that composers be given the rights that belong to them. Keep it up, Freddie!

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MODEL PRIEST

"The Way We Were" by Fr. Ruben J. Villote (**SIM**, 22 July 2001) is truly inspiring. I agree with him very much on "reciprocal giving." If a parish priest were concerned with his parishioners, he would share a lot of things, like his precious time and talents. By doing these, he doesn't have to post the prescriptive fees for baptisms, weddings and funerals because people would be generous enough to share the blessings they receive and would give more than the prescribed amount, since they can feel and see what's going on in their parish.

May Fr. Ruben J. Villote serve as a model to other priests to share their spiritual blessings and concern with their parishioners, without counting the cost and with no conditions whatsoever. Kudos to Fr. Ruben and may his tribe increase!

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STORY IDEA

Your tagline (Get to Know Some Real People) got me thinking about the many dedicated Filipino workers who lead their lives without expectation of a cover story in the SIM. I've enjoyed your stories about politicians, academics, artists, sociologists, philosophers, philanthropists, but what about schoolteachers, farmers, doctors, laborers? What is it like living in postcolonial, post-Erap Pinas for "ordinary" people? Please, not just articles about the price of *galunggong*! Randy David writes of a "nation in flux" and it would be instructive to learn what this means for ordinary folk (in and out of the country).

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The Cover Image Assunta and Alessandra de Rossi prove that sisterhood can be sweet and sizzling hot. *Photograph by Eddie Boy Escudero*

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The Writer's Life

by Ruel S. De Vera

Poetry is a shared passion for the extraordinary trio of Becky, Bobby and Bootsie Añonuevo

Write in the Blood

LIKE WELL-LOVED PETS, BOOKS PEER SHYLY OUT OF VARIOUS CORNERS OF THE COZILY CRAMPED AÑONUEVO HOME IN MAYBUNGA, PASIG. A GLANCE UP THE STAIRS UNVEILS CABINETS WITH SHELVES TEEMING WITH EVEN MORE BOOKS. THIS WARM HOME IS OBVIOUSLY THE ROOST OF A FAMILY OF WORD-LOVERS, BUT THE AÑONUEVO SIBLINGS ARE MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN THAT. REBECCA, ROBERTO AND RUBY AÑONUEVO, (BECKY, BOBBY AND BOOTSIE TO FRIENDS) ARE ALL POETS.

That they all revel in the creative process of poetry is a wonder they live and share everyday

Becky, 35, is chair of the English Department of Miriam College and holder of six Don Carlos Palanca Awards for Literature, as well as the author of five books. Bobby, 33, is editor-in-chief for textbooks at C&E Publications and the most dominant of the three. In possession of five Palanca Awards, all first prizes, Bobby is the youngest person to be in the august Palanca Hall of Fame, with two books to his name. Bootsie, 31, is an editor with the Marketing Communications Department of De La Salle University. She has already gone to the prestigious University of the Philippines Writers Workshop.

"We didn't have books when we were younger," Becky explains. The three comprise the entire brood of Romulo and Loreto Añonuevo, and grew up in this Pasig house. "But we had relatives, like uncles and grandmothers, who would always tell us stories." Bobby remembers that he loved the stories of one particular grandmother in Binangonan, Rizal so much that he would pedal his bicycle all the way to hear tales of the *tikbalang, engkantos* and other mythical creatures.

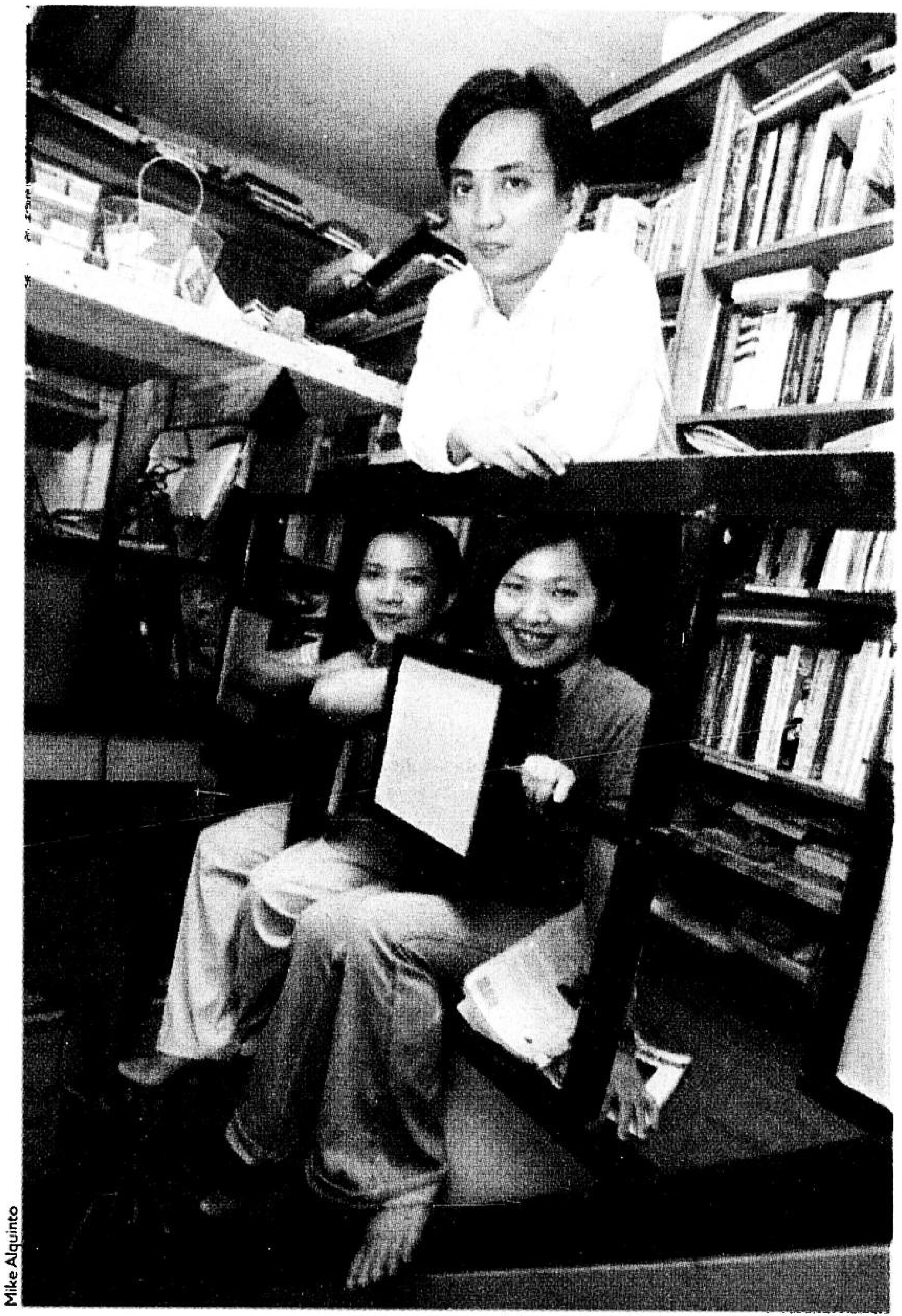
With stories flying in the air around her, Becky began writing first, dabbling while studying at Rizal High School and then coming into her own while studying Literature at the University of the Santo Tomas. "As early as grade six, I already knew I was going to write," she says, and began collecting books as well. "I only had three at the start." Bobby explains he has always loved words, but resisted while studying at Pasig Catholic and later at the UST because his sister was already quite accomplished in the field. "I was always in her shadow," he says.

But words had their pull. While taking up Sociology, Bobby made the UST Library his hangout, spending hours just enjoying books. In the end, there was no escaping the muse. While helplessly watching his sister join a strike, Bobby suddenly found an outlet for his anger. The poems began emerging and have not stopped since.

Naturally, Bootsie grew to love words as well, first at Rizal High. As a Journalism major at UST, Bootsie wrote poems whenever she felt like it. She wasn't intimidated by the formidable reputation of her two older siblings. "They write about some things I can't identify with," Bootsie notes, "but I also write about some things I feel that they don't feel, things I just want to express."

Aside from their shared passion for writing, the three are pretty much like any other set of siblings. "The two of them always used to gang up on me," Bobby reveals.

All three are unanimous in explaining that there's really no competition among the three of them. In fact, Becky and Bootsie, who still live in the same house, often show each other their work for critiquing. Bobby, who is married with two children, lives in the house across the compound. The three often read the same books, seemingly rotating the tomes between them. "It's because of the way our parents brought us up," Bobby explains, "that's why we really don't get envious of each other." Though Romulo and Loreto did not write, the parents were supportive, letting the three children find their respective bliss. While that bliss turned out to be the same thing, the three are also distinctive in their personas within the family, their creative processes, and their poetic voices.



Mike Alquinto

A house of words: (Clockwise from left) Becky, Bobby and Bootsie Añonuevo

The all-responsible *ate*, Becky is the natural, never missing a chance to write everyday. Her siblings describe her Filipino poems as being "spiritual, emotional, personal and also a bit romantic." The intense, intent Bobby is the machine, writing every day at a preset time, and often going on for hours, as if possessed. He is the serious one. The other two Añonuevos characterize his Filipino poems as being "rational, cerebral" pieces that involve old Filipino words or expressions, are well-researched, and are products of Bobby's perfectionist streak. Bootsie is the funny, laid-back *bunso* who writes her English poetry only when she feels perky. Her poems, according to Becky, "sparkle, are fluid, have a touch of innocence and yet are aware."

The need to write will always run in their blood. Bootsie, the most recent to begin her literary journey, is determined to soldier on: "I'm going to keep writing as long as I can. I don't know if I will win Palanca Awards like they did, but I will definitely still write." Becky and Bobby, for their part, aim to continue their exploration of the literary forms they've grown to love. They have never seen their shared romance with the written word as being a bad thing. "I delight in the thought that we share a common interest and a common talent," Becky replies. "It's nice being able to talk about it, because we're all interested in it."

Beyond that, it is amazing to hear their descriptions of how they fell in love with poetry. Becky remembers that, since she was in kindergarten, the words held her in thrall: "I fell in love with the language from the very beginning." For Bobby, "It's almost as if the words are pulling you, like you were being dragged to the library, and once there, you wanted to devour everything."

Perhaps it was something dormant in their genes, but perhaps it was also a delicious piece of destiny that resulted in the Añonuevos' love for writing, like something that almost never happens. That they all revel in the creative process of poetry is a wonder they live and share everyday. "It's like we were born to be together in this," Bobby states. "It's such an incredibly precious thing." Becky enthusiastically concurs. "It's a simple joy that we have something to share with one another. We share our books, our works, and we celebrate the word with each other."

Sleep

It falls on me each time
I beg it not to.

But then it slowly lifts
the weight of things.

Wounds do not hurt.
Debts are paid off.

Dead friends
do not make me tremble.

My soul rises as a river,
wild and full,

stronger in danger.
I wake before goblins attack.

When luck strikes, sometimes,
I make love with the man I love.

Those nights, the bed rocks
even with the slightest light

breaking through the darkness.
I cannot hold even a pillow

or a sheet. My passion
doubles in total surrender.

Ruby Añonuevo

Buo

Nais kong wakasan
nang banayad ang lahat.

Walang pamimighati,
walang panghihinayang.

Walang pagsisisi,
hindi magpapahabag.

Hindi mo mahuhulaan
na nagsara na ako ng tarangkahan.

Hindi mo maririnig ang ingit
ng bakal sa kadiliman.

Walang magpapalahaw
na mga aso sa looban.

Ang mga dahon ng bayabas
ay huhugasan ng bahagyang ulan.

Isang kudlit ng buwan
ang ititira ng kalangitan.

Maaliwalas na hangin
ang magdurugtong sa buhay.

Isang piraso ng puso
ang sasambit ng dasal.

Aahon itong pag-ibig
nang marangal at matapang;

Wala ni tilamsik
ng burak ng iyong kalupitan.

Rebecca T. Añonuevo

Bait ng Karagatan

Kumislap sa noo ang pangarap, at nahimok siyang
maipaloob sa kaniyang guniguni si Lhamo Dhondrup.

Pangangalanan siyang gaya ng Tenzin Gyatzo
sa tumpak na pagkakataon; at sa atas ng kalangitan,

muli siyang tatanghalin bilang dakilang Dalai Lama
na malayo sa mga simoy ng Tibet, Tsina, at India.

Inaasahan niyang hahabihin siyang gaya ng abaka,
at hahasain siya ng pantas, pitho, at paham sa loob

ng labing-anim na taon ng pagpapakadalubhasa
sa mga lihim ng kabanalan, kapatiran, karunungan.

Isasapuso niya ang paglalakbay na babaliin ng isip;
ang mga araw, bituin, at buwan na makakaniig

habang hinihimig ang talinghaga ni Shantideva
na umiiral sa bawat laman at gulugod ng paligid.

At sasapit siya sa itinakdang Templo ng Jokhang,
hindi sa Lhasa, ngunit maaaring dito sa Palawan.

Lilitisin siya ng may tatlumpung iskolar ng lohika
sa umaga ng kaniyang pagharap sa mga tungkulin.

Mananaig siya, at lilitaw sa katanghaliang-tapat
ang labinlimang batikan sa pilosopiya ng Budismo

upang makipagpingkian ng katwiran sa kaniya.
Mangibabaw man siya'y may tatlumpu't limang

iskolar muli ang darating pagsapit ng gabi
at mag-uusisa hinggil sa kaalamang monastiko

at metapisika na pawang kinakatawan niya.
Tila molekula lamang siyang makapaglalandas

sa gayong anyo ng mga moog. Magaan niyang
maaabot ang yugto ng pambihirang Geshe Lharampa

at iluluwal siyang higit na kagalang-galang,
kataas-taasan, kabanal-banalan ng piling lipi.

Samantala'y naririto siya sa mainit na kandungan
ng isang mapagsapalarang Sama Laut, sinususo

ang munting hinlalaki, idinuduyan ng tubig
ng pagmamahal, at binibinua ng lawas ni Tuhan.

Batid niyang hahanapin siya ng mga sugong
Lama, upang sunduin at ipagpatuloy ang siklo

ng pagbabalik sa lupain na labis na pinakaiibig.
Makislot ang kaniyang guniguni, napakakislot.

Piit ng kaluluwa niya ang labing-apat na Bo,
at ang kaniyang utak ay mikrokosmo ni Buda.

Ngunit ngayon pa lamang ay binibiyak na siya
ng sagradong anino ng simbahan at ng masjid;

hinahanggahan ng piratang Tausug at marinong
Tagalog ang laot na marapat niyang paglayagan;

sumasalakay ang mga saitang sumapi sa kargadang
Tsino pa-Tawi-tawi habang umiitim ang buwan.

Nasa kaniyang gunita ang mga pilat ng arkipelago,
at taglay ng kaniyang pusod ang kaisahan ng alon.

Tulad ng alamat, napagkakamalan siyang sugatang
lepa na ibig tangayin ng dambuhala't metalikong pahi.

(Hindi siya hitano ng tubig. Dumadaloy sa kaniyang
mga ugat ang mga Dakilang Ummagged ng
magdaragat.)

Dama niyang may kubling gahum ng intoleransiya
ang tatambang sa kaniyang bagong paghuhunos.

Ngayon ang ama niya, na nagmumuni sa panginorin,
ay nasasabik na makayapak sa Lupang Hihimpilan.

"Anong wika ang makapagpapalaya ng pighati?"
Kailangan niyang makinig, makiniig nang tapat.

Isa lamang siyang lagas na talulot ng walingwaling
sa dalampasigan ng napakailahas na kaluwalhatian.

Tiyak niya ang isasagot sa mga tanong na darayo.
Siya ang Diwa ng Magosaha, at animo'y destiyero.

Roberto T. Añonuevo

Noteworthy

Fighting Form

Dancer Elizabeth Roxas triumphed over physical obstacles to continually evolve and transform in her art

Roxas performing Alvin Ailey's "Witness" to music by Jessye Norman

LIKE A LIONESS GORGING ON HER PREY, DANCER ELIZABETH ROXAS DEVOURS THE STAGE WITH HER POWERFUL, EXPANSIVE MOVEMENTS. SHE MOVES FREELY AND UNAFFECTEDLY. EVERY GESTURE AND EXTENSION IS IMBUED WITH PASSION. EVEN THE MOST SUBTLE EMOTION REACHES THE TOP BACK ROW OF THE BALCONIES.

What makes the New York-based dancer (and recently a licensed real estate broker) so soulful and emotionally charged is that she believes in the immortality of the soul and reincarnation.

When Roxas was studying in a Catholic school in Manila, she questioned the teachings of the nuns. "We are born with sin and we die with sin. That was one thing implanted in my brain," she says.

In New York, she searched for answers and remedies to appease her troubled mind by reading up on different practices and religions, until she converted to Buddhism. She starts the day chanting. She rides that sound with her awareness until she finds herself in a state of calmness that cradles her inner self.

"When you ask me what's my greatest fear, it's dying a tragic death. That's the reason I've been chanting for 16 years, to get over that fear. There's no such thing as fearing death. The soul travels on. I believe in cause and effect — the cause you did in the past is the effect you get now and the causes now will have an effect in the future," she says.

Her belief that the mind is capable of conceiving its destiny and making it real has helped her survive her career. One of her turning points was being sidelined by a knee injury after being dropped during a partnering lift in the mid-'80s. After surgery, doctors told her she would find difficulty walking, and it was time for her to change her career.

"I don't have knees – cartilage, ligaments, nothing. I refused to believe that. We all have missions in life. We are here for a reason. We can change our destiny. I was able to use my practice. My destiny is maybe to stop dancing at an early age because of my injury. But no, I'm going to challenge my life and say I'm not taking this sitting down. I'm a fighter deep inside. I've used that. If you believe in it deeply, it will help you get through," she says.

It's been more than a decade since the fatal accident; Roxas is still dancing and getting rave reviews. After quitting the Alvin Ailey Company in 1997, Roxas performed in Broadway and concerts. She formed Rythmik, a dance company composed of mature performers.

At 43, she's ready to give up dancing, not for physical reasons. Call it a midlife thing, a time for renewal.

"It's a reconstruction. I've gone through so many changes living in New York." The transformations are the seeds sprouting into new life.

Marge C. Enriquez

(Catch Elizabeth Roxas in the last performance of Ballet Philippines' "Carmen and Other Ballets" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines today, Aug. 12.)

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Female Bonding

THE NEPOMUCENO SISTERS COULDN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER SISTERS WHO HAD SHAPED THEIR LIFE IN MARYKNOLL (NOW MIRIAM COLLEGE). "THE *MADRES* CANNOT FAIL TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON YOU. THEY DON'T STIFLE THEIR PERSONALITIES!" GUSHES MARIEL N. FRANCISCO, BOOK AUTHOR, ACTIVIST AND BODY-MIND HEALTH GURU. "NEITHER DID THEY OURS," INTERJECTS HER SISTER PATRICIA N. SUTTER, VIENNA RESIDENT AND UN OFFICIAL TURNED JOURNALIST-CULTURATI. "SOME OF THOSE AMERICAN NUNS WERE AS SLIM AND PRETTY AS HOLLYWOOD STARS AND THEY DROVE CARS, CROSSED THEIR LEGS, GUFFAWED OUT LOUD. THEY ENCOURAGED US TO SPEAK OUR MINDS, BOTH IN THE CLASSROOM AND OUTSIDE." ADDS YOUNGER SISTER, SCRIPTWRITER RAQUEL N. VILLAVICENCIO: "THEIR MANTRA WAS 'FREEDOM WITH RESPONSIBILITY.'"

> *"We're like a barkada - chatting endlessly and always catching up with each other whenever we get together. Now that we're all adults, it feels that we've somehow caught up with each other in terms of mental age"*

It was apparently a lesson well-learned by the Nepomuceno sisters who have each pursued their own fields and thrived in them: Villavicencio (Communication Arts '71) has carved a niche in local movies as a multi-awarded scriptwriter, production designer and actress. She co-wrote excellent Filipino films with Clodualdo del Mundo, among them "*Kakabababa Ka Ba?*", "Batch 81" and *"Kisapmata."*

Francisco (English Literature '65), is co-author of the acclaimed titles, "History of the Burgis," "Ladies' Lunch and Other Ways to Wholeness" and "A Spiritual Pillow Book." She also founded CHACRA, the Center for Health and Creative Arts, which advocates holistic body-mind health and education.

Sutter (Communication Arts '69), a former UNIDO officer in Vienna, has reinvented herself into a journalist, co-writing and co-editing the first book on Filipino-Austrians. She has worked on a well-received 30-minute documentary on Filipinos in Austria and organized the first Philippine Film Festival in Austria with the help of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

The three are part of a brood of nine, which includes sisters Olivia (Bette) Mejia, Gina, Leila and Amy, and brothers Marc and Dave. The Nepomucenos were born in their ancestral home in Angeles, Pampanga, a big house built in 1840 by Pio Rafael Nepomuceno and Maria Agustina Henson who were also the founders of Angeles.

Growing up together, recalls Pat, meant "trooping to the library of the Benedictine nuns in Angeles and carting away a pile each of books we chose ourselves. We were particularly enchanted with Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" and acted out the parts of Meg, Jo and Beth. Even back then, we must have known that there was something special about being sisters."

"My relationship with my sisters has always been the envy of friends," Raquel states. "We're like a *barkada* – chatting endlessly and always catching up with each other whenever we get together. Now that we're all adults, it feels that we've somehow caught up with each other in terms of mental age. The *'ate'* relationship is hardly defined."

Sisters (from left) Raquel Villavicencio, Patricia Sutter and Mariel Francisco identified strongly with Alcott's "Little Women"

"We chose each other to be siblings in this lifetime"

Even death has brought them closer, adds Pat. "The three tragic deaths in the family led us to devour everything we can read on death, dying and life after death."

In fact, Pat flew home posthaste to visit her sister Bette at a health community in Puerto Rico where she was trying out an alternative way to heal her breast cancer. "I was moved to tears to find my most vivacious sister reduced to skin and bones," she recounts. Right then and there, she decided to junk her career at the United Nations in Vienna. "Of course it meant saying goodbye to a fat pension only a few years within reach, unbeatable perks and prestige, and a monthly salary to die for." The driving motivation, Pat adds, was "wanting to discover my inner resources while (I was) still in mid-life, no matter what financial sacrifices were involved."

Raquel recalls that after their mother died in a car accident in 1971, "the older siblings took it upon themselves to take an interest in the afterlife — reading books and sharing their findings with us, the younger ones, in order to console us regarding our mother's whereabouts in spirit." The death of their youngest and oldest sisters (Bette and Amy, both of whom they lost to cancer) bonded the remaining siblings even more, adds Raquel "as we realized the fragility of the threads that bind our lives as a family."

Eventually, she recalls, "We all went our different ways in search of our own personal spiritual beliefs. Two of us converted to Mormonism, and I became born again for a while; Bette joined the Unity church in Maryland. Mariel became deeply involved in the esoteric and holistic...."

But even such divisions, Raquel cites, "did not pull us apart. In fact, whenever we got together, we would excitedly exchange information about our newfound faiths, argue a bit, and even try to convert each other. We end up being more enlightened, more questioning, and more determined to continue the search for higher consciousness."

Sometimes, she muses, "We are so in tune with one another that we often surmise that even before we were born, we chose each other to be siblings in this lifetime."

Distance has not dimmed the sisterly affection any. Pat confides that she always looks forward to visits to Manila. "The reason I have so much fun every time I'm in Manila is that I shuttle between the serious and scholarly world of Mariel and the colorful and *ma-drama buhay artista* (dramatic showbiz world) of Raquel."

In May this year, just before Pat flew back to Vienna after an extended six-month vacation in the Philippines, the Nepomuceno sisters took a trip down memory lane in Angeles, Pampanga and cleaned up their ancestral home. To her delight, Pat finally found the diaries she had been looking for for decades.

The sisters listened entranced as Pat read entries from her dog-eared journal, reclaiming their childhood and early adulthood memories. The day-to-day readings of the journal entries proved to be a cleansing process for the sisters. It was a ritual of remembrance, Pat writes, something they now do regularly. "On the birthdays and death anniversaries of my parents and two sisters, we share memories about them through e-mail and reproduce excerpts from their letters and writings."

Such family support transcends even death, apparently. "One of our projects is to publish Bette's poems, children's stories, essays, sketches, and to distribute a CD collection of her songs to family and friends," says Pat, who lives with Austrian husband Herbert of Austria's Finance Ministry, "in a modern apartment surrounded by turn-of-the-century villas in a genteel part of Vienna." Pat, who is childless, expresses awe about sisters Mariel's and Raquel's parenting skills and "how the two have trusted the process of parenting and have produced a combination of seven lovely and well-balanced daughters who are now all coming into their own."

Raquel, who is a single mother of three girls aged 20 to 25, keeps an apartment in Palm Village in Makati. She recalls that "While I was a struggling, starving artist trying to raise three kids, Pat and Mariel were more than generous in sending me money from time to time to help me out. Without their support, I wouldn't have been able to send my children to the best schools."

Raquel's eldest, Myla, an Ateneo Communication graduate is now a line producer, writer and director for CBN Asia. Chinky, an Entrepreneurship graduate from the Assumption, has put up her own business. Youngest Mia is a graduating International Studies major at De La Salle University.

Proud *Tita* Pat also notes that Mariel's eldest daughter, Nini, an architect who just turned 29, "got admitted to an exclusive graduate program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (which has so far graduated only one Filipino)"; Joanna just finished her graduate degree in Public Relations at Boston University; Ivi is with KATHA, an organization of Filipino composers, and Resa is an incoming senior at the Ateneo. Mariel is married to Chito, chief operating officer of Meralco and is an activist resident of Ayala Heights.

Observes Pat: "We 'Nepo' girls identify closely with 'The Makioka Sisters,' a classic Japanese film by Ichikawa which we once watched together in Washington. Like us, the four Makioka sisters are different from one another, have different destinies and yet are inextricably bound by common values, including a deep reverence for their ancestral roots that sustain them through their life transitions."

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by Commission on Population

Weathering three decades of turbulence and oppostions, the population program has continuously evolved to adequately address the changing needs of Filipino families, helping them achieve the better quality life they deserve.

Helping FAMILIES live better lives

THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT HAS CHANGED THE WORLD. THE FILIPINO FAMILY HAS NOT ONLY EXPERIENCED AND WITNESSED ALL THESE, BUT ALSO FELT THE IMPACT OF CHANGING VALUES THAT CONTINUE TO ENGAGE WITH SOCIAL NORMS AND CULTURAL IMPOSITIONS.

But all these notwithstanding, the Filipino family remains the foundation of Philippine society. It has become more complex today, its members younger and its aspirations higher.

Ensuring the welfare of the Filipino family in the face of a changing world is the very same reason for the continuing improvement of the Philippine population management program.

The Commission on Population, in its first State of the Philippine Population Report 2000, said the welfare of the nation is also the welfare of the family, and prosperous nations emanate from prosperous families. A family's ability to contribute to national progress, in turn, depends on how well it is planned and how individual members are nourished to the fullest of their potentials.

If families have poor health, low education and a dearth of opportunities for its members to grow, the nation's chances to develop economically and socially are held back, derailing the growth and development of every citizen.

The family is and has always been central to the population policy, itself also a subject of constant change with the shifting of leadership and political climate in the country.

In the 1960s, the population policy had its beginnings with the introduction of the terms "contraceptives" and "population explosion" by private organizations who were the first to show concern to the issue of a growing population and its effects on the economic and social aspects of life. The academe, non-government organizations and religious groups echoed their concern and spearheaded the beginnings of what became the national family planning movement. From then on, population did not remain a concern of private citizens and groups and soon became a part of government policy.

Thus, on August 16, 1971, POPCOM was created through Republic Act 6365 signed by the late President Ferdinand Marcos. POPCOM's mandate was to coordinate, monitor and serve as a policy-making body for the population program.

Around this time, Filipino women bore an average of six children in their lifetime. Appropriately, "population control" was the byword of government's population policy with family planning as its central service intervention.

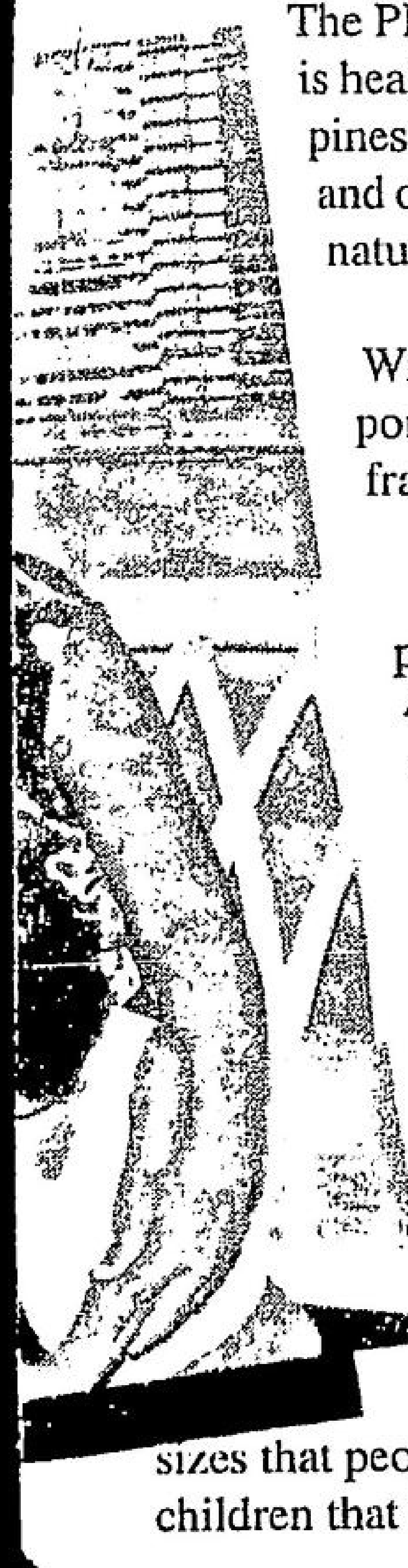
With a young staff and generous local and foreign funding, POPCOM successfully mobilized the health sector to deliver family planning services. Nationwide it also created a network of community-based, non-medical family planning service points. Through its Total Integrated Development Approach (TIDA) and Outreach Program, POPCOM brought family planning closer to Filipino families.

With the historic People Power Revolution of 1986, the Marcos dictatorship came to an end and ushered in the administration of former President Corazon Aquino. A de facto termination of public sector family planning service soon ensued and culminated to the transfer of authority over the national family planning program from POPCOM to the Department of Health.

In a move to seek a new and better niche in population, POPCOM, shortly after, issued a statement expanding the concerns of population program beyond fertility reduction to include the issues of mortality, morbidity, the status of women, migration and urbanization, among others. Thus, the change in the policy climate also altered the reorientation of the program from its goal of population reduction – at that time the population was 48 million — to that of population management.

The passage of the Local Government Code in 1991 further made changes in the population management landscape. The law devolved governance from the national to local government units, so it also paved the way for the devolution of family planning services to local governments.

A newfound champion in the person of former President Fidel Ramos enabled more active government participation in international conferences that redefined thinking and policy on population, environment, women and development. Foremost of these is the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt, of which the Philippines adopted the conference's Program of Action, making it the guiding principle in formulating a more comprehensive five-year program. The program gained improvements in protecting the rights of spouses and families, the sharing of responsibilities between men and women and the expanded health services for women and children. But the program was still wanting in efforts to help spouses realize their aspirations for an ideal family size. Also under the Ramos administration, the shift from population control to population management was more pronounced with the adoption of the population-resources-environment paradigm.



The PRE paradigm recognizes that in order to have a population that is healthy, educated, gainfully employed and empowered, the Philippines needs to have adequate financial resources for education, health and other basic human needs; and a healthy environment and a sound natural resource base.

With the positive policy climate and vigorous government support, family planning was subsequently placed under the broad framework of "reproductive health."

In 1998, the National Demographic and Health Survey reported that 20 percent of women in the reproductive ages 15 to 49 want to give birth to not more than three children, but they end up giving birth to more than they desired. The survey said that instead of their wanted fertility of 2.7 children, couples end up with 3.7 children.

Under the administration of President Joseph Estrada, who took oath in the same year, a new population policy was adopted - "responsible parenthood" anchored on Population and Sustainable Development Framework. The policy affirmed the 1987 Constitution which provided that couples have the responsibility to decide how many children to have in accordance with their religious beliefs and the demands of responsible parenthood. The new framework emphasizes that people's capabilities, including the capacity to have the number of children that they want and the capability to move around freely, have a direct link to the quality of life or well-being of families and couples.

This paved the way for the restatement of the Philippine Population Management Program, which is biased towards addressing the unmet needs of couples and individuals seeking to achieve their reproductive goals. The new policy focused on the important role of the government in assisting married couples achieve their fertility goals by helping reduce unwanted fertility and responding to unmet needs for family planning practice. Four roles of POPCOM became more defined: policy formulation and plan development; advocacy and communication; data and information management; and resource mobilization.

In the year 2000, the National Statistics Office counted a total of 76.5 million Filipinos, and placed the population growth rate at 2.36 percent, which means 1.7 million are added every year to the population.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo took over with the Philippine population still high by Asian standards. Neighboring Indonesia and Thailand had the same population as the Philippines in the 1970s, but both countries managed to bring down their growth to just more than one percent a year.

During her first few months as head of the state she made public her stance on population and adopted a policy which gives couples the right to plan the size of their families while taking into account the Church's stand on birth control. In her speech during the Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive Health, she said that, "the government has the responsibility to provide information on medically safe and socially acceptable means to address our high birth rate and its consequences on maternal and child health as well as population growth."

Although the president's support is a positive indication of the population program's continuance, strong political will, commitment and determination from government executives and legislators are badly needed in pushing for a population program that can truly address people's needs.

The task now is to further the gains made in the improvement of families — to help couples realize their desired family size within the context of responsible parenthood; provide reproductive health, reduce infant, maternal and child mortality and reduce teenage pregnancies, early marriages and reproductive problems.

The POPCOM echoes the statement of President Arroyo to leave it up to couples to plan their families, but it will always be ready to help them realize their aspirations.

POPCOM Executive Director Tomas M. Osias said that in all its efforts, the Commission has many times enhanced the program in its programs to support the family and maintain its welfare and well being as the smallest but most important unit of society.

"We change leaderships and thrusts, but the bottomline of the program is to make individuals and families understand that if they plan well, they will live well," he said. "If they put the welfare of their families above everything else, they will have quality of life."

Cover Story

by Eric S. Caruncho

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No two sisters could be as different. Assunta is shy and retiring, while Alex is the feisty one, ready to protect her elder sister from the fallout that could result from her going bold in "Red Diaries."

Sweet and Saucy

ASSUNTA DE ROSSI SPEAKS SOFTLY AND CARRIES A BIG STICK.

THE BIG STICK IS FOR BEATING OFF THE HORDES OF MEN WHO HAVE TAKEN TO FOLLOWING THE STATUESQUE BEAUTY, WHO LOOKS LIKE SHE JUST STEPPED DOWN FROM BOTTICELLI'S "BIRTH OF VENUS," AND PESTERING HER WITH INDECENT PROPOSALS. THIS HAS BECOME PARTICULARLY BOTHERSOME SINCE THE SHOWING OF THE CONTROVERSIAL "RED DIARIES," THE FILM THAT LAUNCHED HER AS A "BOLD" STAR.

She speaks softly because, in spite of appearing *au naturel* for what seems like half of "Red Diaries," and enduring rough sex, gang rape and whatnot in the movie's three episodes, 18-year-old Assunta is at heart a shy and retiring young lady who likes to stay home and draw.

No, really.

She just happens to have chosen, as so many have before her, to appear in "sexy films" (as the genre is euphemistically called) as a career move. Judging from the enthusiastic response to "Red Diaries," (excepting that of the Philippine National Police, who objected to their portrayal as corrupt, degenerate, gang-raping thugs in one episode) she made the right choice.

The Pinoy male's peculiar take on the madonna-whore complex has been to combine the two archetypes in a single fantasy object: the girl who looks like a virgin but screws like a whore. The more demure and chaste the girl looks, the more transgressive and satisfying her eventual defloration/degradation seems. Maybe it's a Catholic guilt thing, but the "*mukha ng anghel, demonyo ang katawan*" kink pushes all the right male buttons, specially at the box office. But enough about me.

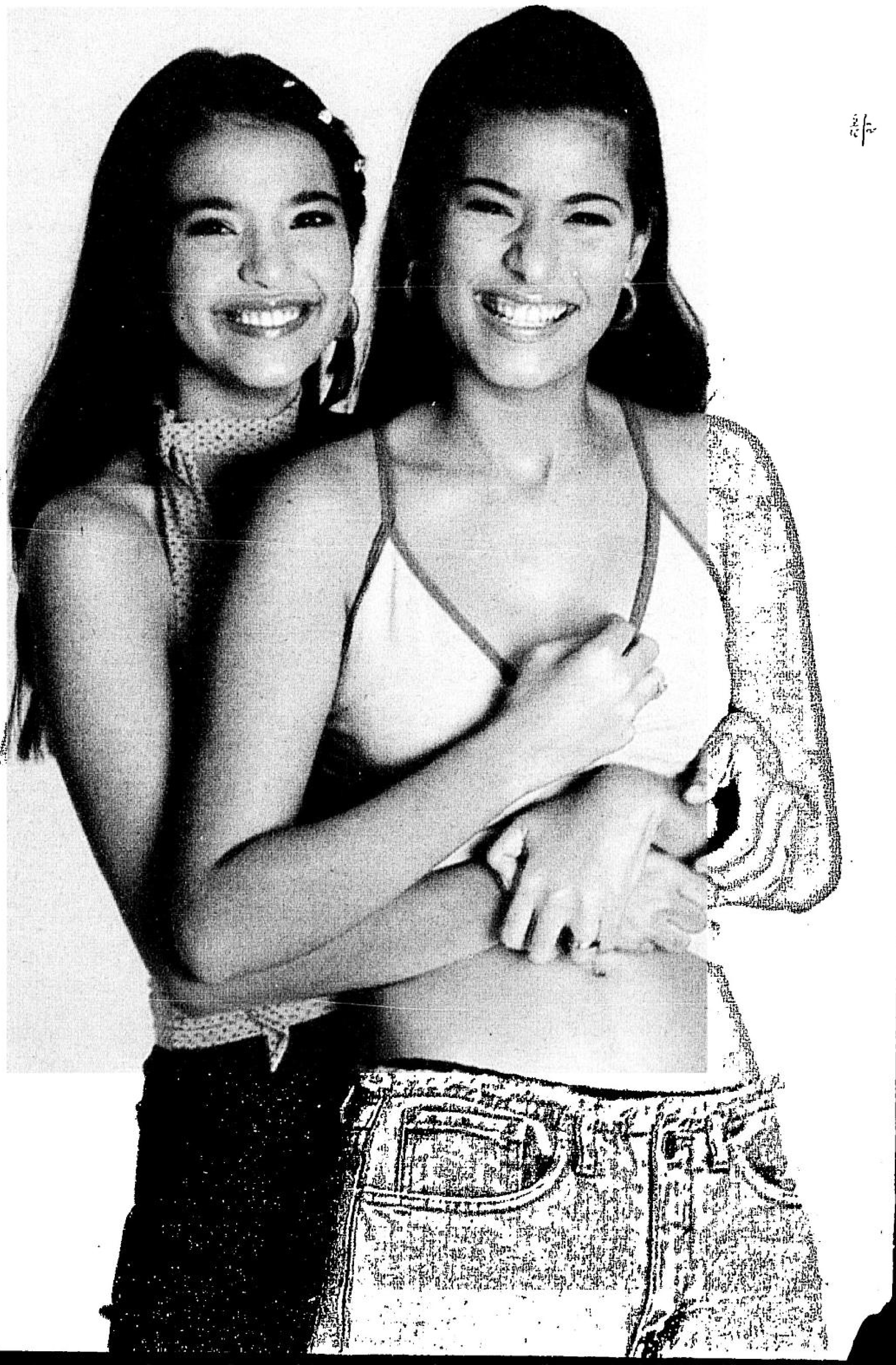
With her long, lithe figure and ecclesiastical name, the doe-eyed Assunta certainly fits the bill. But she says going into showbiz was not the first thing on her mind.

"I never thought I'd be an actress," she says. "It wasn't my childhood dream."

Assunta Schiavone (de Rossi is a screen name, nicked from Italian actress Barbara de Rossi) spent the first nine years of her life in the small town of Lecce in southern Italy, near the Mediterranean Sea. Her father, a sailor with the Italian navy, met her mother in the Rizal Park while on shore leave, and promptly took her home to Lecce to meet the folks. Like many first-born daughters, Assunta was named after the town's patron, Our Lady of the Assumption. One year and five months later, Alessandra followed.

"*Simple lang ang buhay namin sa* Italy," recalls Assunta. "*Araw-araw nasa* beach *kami kasi malapit lang sa bahay.* (We had a

Alessandra, left, and Assunta: Sister act



simple life. Every day we strolled over to the beach nearby.)"

Two more sisters followed: Margherita and Isabel. When Assunta's father retired from the navy, the family decided to move back to the Philippines.

"My daddy thought when we moved here that we could live a quiet and simple life. *E, napasok ako sa* showbiz."

The move proved to be a traumatic experience.

"I had a difficult time," recalls Assunta. "I didn't want to leave my friends and classmates. I didn't want to learn English and Tagalog. When you migrate, your life goes back to zero. I didn't speak Tagalog and had no one to talk to in school, no friends. I was terribly shy."

Eventually, however, the sisters adjusted to their new environment. When they reached their teens, friends encouraged them to audition for television. Assunta landed a spot on "Bubble Gang," while Alessandra, or Alex, got into "Click" and "*Biglang Sibol*." For a while, Assunta also tried to do some ramp modeling for Renee Salud, but as more and more television and, eventually, movie roles started coming in, she had to give that up. Her career started to move, and soon the time came to make a decision when the script for "Red Diaries" arrived at her doorstep.

Manny Valera, Assunta's manager, thought it would be the perfect vehicle to take his ward to the next level of stardom. After some convincing, Assunta agreed.

"*Hindi naman kami basta tanggap ng tanggap*," she says. "*Yung* manager *ko sinusubaybayan talaga ang* career *ko kaya alam kong 'yung pagpapa*-sexy *ko may pupuntahan* (We just don't accept movie roles. My manager plots out my movie career so I know that my going sexy means I'm getting somewhere.)"

"*Si* Alex *ang unang tumutol, ayaw niya na magpa*-sexy *ako*," she adds. "*Kahit paano*, protective *'yan sa kapatid, kasi natatakot siya na baka may mangbastos sa akin. Baka isipin ng tao na kung ano ang ginagawa ko sa* movies, *ginagawa ko rin* in real life. (It was Alex who objected, afraid that people would mistake the role for the real me.) "

So far, these fears have not been justified. It does show the sisters' peculiar role reversal, where the feisty Alex protects the older but shyer Assunta. The sisters' closeness is surprising, given how different their temperaments seem to be.

"*Siya mahiyain, tahimik*, underdog," summarizes Alex. "*Ako* fighter, *magulo, 'wag nila kong aawayin kasi uupakan ko talaga sila. Siya iiyak lang nang iiyak pag inaaway. Gusto niya sa bahay lang. Ako naman hindi mo mahahagilap sa bahay* (She's shy and quiet and would cry when in trouble. Me? I'd fight it out. She'd rather stay at home while I'm out of the house all the time.)"

Alex has a razor-sharp tongue, agrees Assunta.

Over Alex's objections, however, Assunta pushed through with "Red Diaries." Since the film was a trilogy, however, it would have three times the number of sex scenes as a normal movie, since each episode called for Assunta to shed her clothing at least a couple of times.

"First shooting day *pa lang, nahubaran na ako*," she recalls. "I was really nervous going bold, but I eventually got used to it. *Wala na sa akin yon*."

To overcome her shyness in doing nude scenes, Assunta turns to tried and tested method acting. "*Parang nagkakaroon ako ng* temporary insanity," she explains. "*May pumapasok sa akin: yung mismong* character *na pino*-portray *ko. Pagsigaw ni direk ng* 'Action!,' *nakakalimutan ko na ang sarili ko*. I see myself as the character. *Ang kasama ko lang ang* co-actor *ko. Ang lahat ng iba, parang* invisible *na*. Of course, *pagsigaw ng* director *ng* 'Cut,' *balik na naman ako sa pagiging* Assunta de Rossi. *Balik na naman ang hiya ko, ang pagka-ilang. Takip kaagad* (It was like the character took over when the cameras start rolling. Everything became invisible and there was only me and my co-actor. When I heard 'cut!' I became myself again and would hurriedly cover myself)."

Regal put the full weight of its hype machine behind "Red Diaries." Even as the movie was being shot, full-color glossies of Assunta resplendent in a red bikini were splashed in the major showbiz rags. The buzz followed every twist and turn of the production, even up to the MTRCB's recommended cuts to gain the movie an R rating. The build-up to the premiere saw Assunta doing a grueling promotions schedule, with daily appearances on TV to plug the movie, even as her follow-up, "*Sisid*," with Seiko Films this time, was being shot. In it, Assunta plays a GRO who dances underwater in an aquarium.

"Typecast? Expected *ko na 'yon*," she says. "But I want to see myself as more than just a bold or daring actress. *Gusto kong makilala bilang* sexy dramatic actress. *Ayaw kong mapapansin lang yung paghuhubad-hubad ko. Gusto kong mapansin nila yung istorya, yung* acting. *Gusto kong makita ng* audience *ang pinaghirapan namin*. (I want people to notice the story and my acting, not just my body).

Assunta adheres to the classic bold star game plan:

"After sexy, *siguro magshi*-shift *ako* to drama. *Kumbaga ngayon*, sexy drama, later on drama *na lang. Mabuti na ang tao hindi ako nakikita na puro pa*-sexy *lang*. At least *ma*-prove *ko na kahit anong* role *ang ibigay sa akin, kaya ko* (It's just a start. From sexy dramas, I'd shift to dramatic roles. This is just a way to prove that I can tackle any role given me.)

by [illegible]

Danny Dolor's lifelong romance with Philippine traditional music, culture and history hasn't waned. The best part is that his [illegible] recently recognized with a lifetime achievement award by the National Commission on Culture and the Arts [illegible]

Maverick of Memories

FROM THE OUTSIDE, THIS FORBES PARK RESIDENCE LOOKS JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE'S IN THIS ENCLAVE OF THE RICH AND POWERFUL. ONLY UPON ENTERING THE FOYER DOES ONE REALIZE HE HAS JUST STEPPED INTO A TROVE OF TREASURES.

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It is a house that makes one want to know more about Danilo Lirio Dolor. Dolor can well lay claim to various titles. He is a low-key businessman whose interests include banking, real estate development, medical care services and tourism. He is also a devoted layman whose services to the Roman Catholic Church have earned him a papal award.

But it is Dolor, the art collector and patron, cultural mover and visionary, who is best known.

One wall in the house is lined with various plaques and medals. On this particular afternoon, the latest accolade takes the limelight. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts has just bestowed on Dolor the Dangal ng Haraya Award. As one of five lifetime achievement awardees, he is cited for his work in cultural promotions. As the citation reads, it is in recognition of "his creation of various programs intended to effect a greater consciousness of the relevance of history and culture to the present...and his tireless efforts to advocate and nurture Philippine art and culture, and encourage others, most notably the youth, to seek better understanding of these elements that constitute national patrimony."

"One does not have to be a high official of the government to be of service to our people," says Dolor. "Of course, I try to do my part in the best way I can. My concerns are the propagation of Philippine music, and cultural development in general.

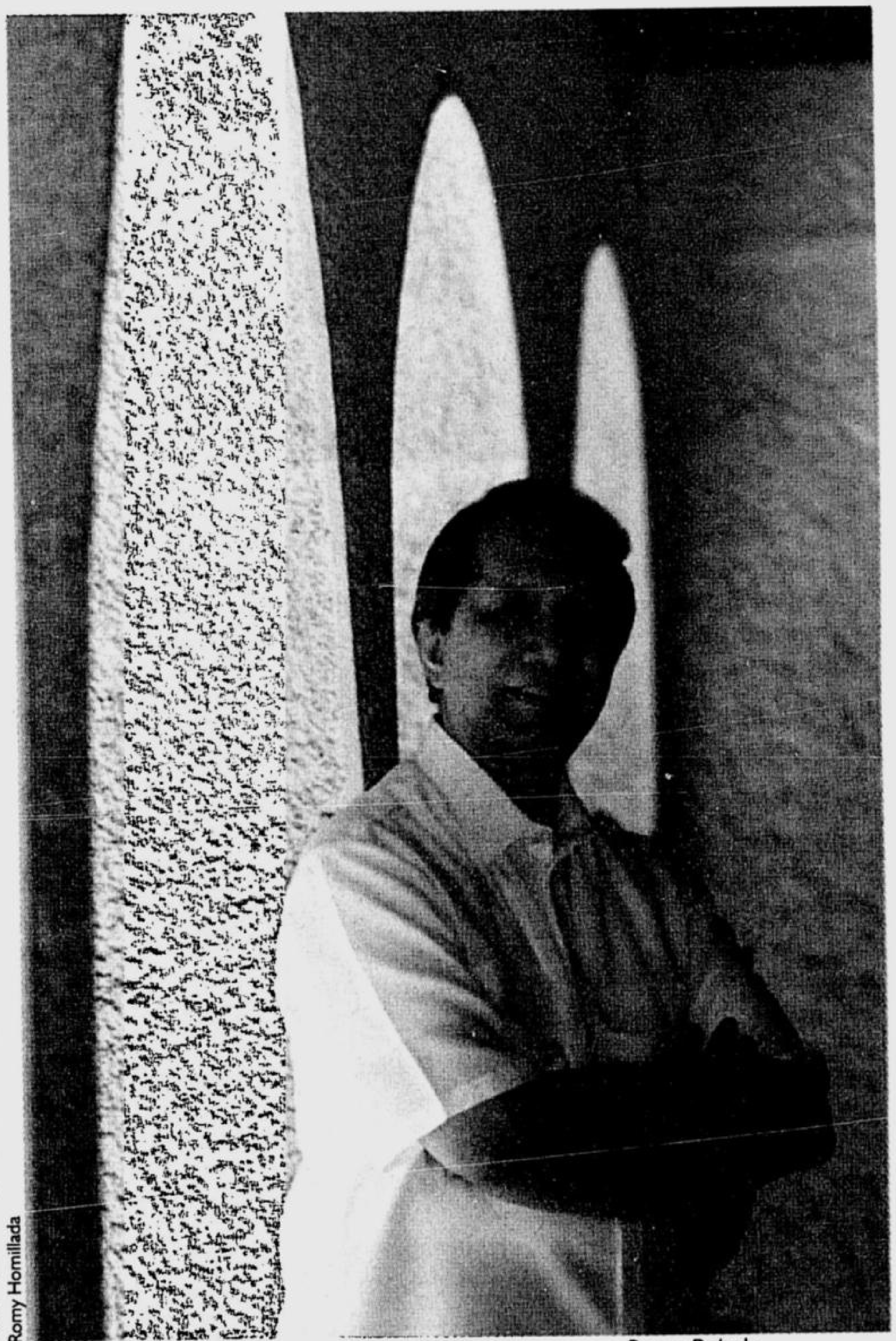
"And I do not try to do the impossible. I dream, too, but my dreams are realistic, and within the bounds of what I consider to be my capabilities." Of the many cultural projects that Dolor had undertaken in the last 25 years, it was his founding and nurturing of the musical group Tribung Pinoy and the Tribung Pilipino Cultural Foundation that has earned him accolades from all over the country.

By producing performances of Tribung Pinoy that featured an all-Filipino repertoire, Dolor raised traditional Filipino music to the concert level. "In the first 10 years of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, there was not a single concert featuring 100 percent Philippine traditional music. We were the first to do it, when we celebrated our first anniversary in 1979," Dolor states.

The group performed in no less than 400 concerts, braving inclement weather and audiences of varied persuasions. In Culion, Palawan, they shook hands with the leper patients. At the National Mental Hospital, they performed before a crowd of 1,000. Another time, they "jammed" with the inmates of the Correctional Institute for Women.

When he was chairman of the Batangas Historical and Cultural Commission, Dolor institutionalized the observance of the Linggo ng Kamalayan sa Kultura at Kasaysayan. As a tribute to Apolinario Mabini, whom he considers the greatest Batangueño, he sponsors on the week of the hero's birthday an annual history and culture quiz participated in by the best of Batangas high school students. Dolor also spearheaded the establishment of the Museo ng Batangas.

Dolor is known for not thinking twice about sharing his treasures for public viewing. In the early 1990s he mounted an exhibit of his collection of movie ads of the decade covering 1946 to 1956. First, it was at the Ayala Museum. "But I realized that for more people to see the exhibit, it had to be in a mall," he now recalls. What followed was a sold-out nine-day run at the SM Megamall Art Center.



Romy Homillada

Danny Dolor's promotion of Filipino culture continues

Dolor's involvement in the arts was not an overnight decision. During World War II, the Dolors, like many prominent Filipinos, evacuated to the family farm in the hinterlands of Batangas. "We never went hungry because we had our regular harvest of rice, vegetables and fruits. Our farm hands took care of us," Dolor remembers. "We would play all day and sing at night. During those evening get-togethers, the men would serenade the women with *kundiman* and all those songs of yesteryears." It was an experience that would not be lost on the boy, as it started his lifelong romance with Philippine traditional music.

Dolor, at left, with zarzuela queen Atang de la Rama in 1979; above, with the Tribung Pinoy at their third anniversary concert at the CCP in 1981

After the war, the family went back to Manila to resume the thriving pharmacy business started by Dolor's father, Don Leon, and his siblings in the 1920s. Dolor himself would start school at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran. "Every Monday, a pupil would be asked to sing in front of the class. When my turn came, the teacher was surprised because I sang *'Bayan Ko.'*"

All throughout his growing-up years, he would listen to Philippine music, as airwaves played records of the Mabuhay singers, Sylvia La Torre and Ruben Tagalog. At the same time, Dolor would take delight in watching Filipino movies. It so happened that right across the street from Farmacia Dolor was Cine Star. On weekends, a helper would bring him to the theater, leave him there for all the four hours of the movie and the stage show that followed, and then picked him up.

"Sometimes, especially on Fridays, I would play hookey in the afternoon. I'd walk all the way from Letran to watch a movie."

But he took up business administration instead, and eventually helped in the family businesses. But he expanded his collections to include *santos*, novenas of Spanish era vintage, rosaries made of precious gems, and, yes, paintings.

Music, though, has been a constant in Dolor's charmed life. The family, after all, had been friends with the likes of Celerina Cayabyab, Ryan's mother. One particular meeting in 1978 would make a difference. In a get-together hosted by an old friend, he met the singers Constancio Cadelina, Renato Almira and Lourdes Francisco. As it usually happens in a gathering of musicians, they had an impromptu performance. "I was so impressed that I decided to invite them to my home the next week, which was my birthday," recalls Dolor.

Before the night ended, Dolor had mapped out his plans to the group, and convinced them to sing together for performances of Filipino traditional music, namely *kundiman, harana, balitaw* and *danza*. And thus was born Tribung Pinoy. Their first concert, an invitational, was held at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Manila Pen.

The group had performances for *kababayans* in the US West Coast, Singapore, Korea and the Middle East. They also received the Aliw Hall of Fame award for being the Best Cultural Group. Dolor himself was recognized by the Institute of National Language on its 50th anniversary for "propagating the National Language through Music."

Through time, the group's number would diminish as family, business and other personal obligations beckoned. Yet, Dolor's Tribung Pilipino Cultural Foundation continues to conduct concert-lectures in schools and town plazas all over the country. Dolor too takes center stage when he delivers talks on Philippine music. He has mastered the topics because "I do the research myself for those tribute concerts. I comb through the old periodicals at the Lopez Museum, and I make sure to interview the artists, or if they are no longer around, their descendants."

Expectedly, Dolor's life has been enriched by memorable moments he has shared with artists. With Atang de la Rama, he forged a friendship that would last through the remaining years of the *zarzuela* superstar's life. To this day, Dolor is almost teary-eyed when he speaks of how " I just took a chance when I called her up, dialing a number I got from the directory. I first asked, *'Dito po ba nakatira si Ginang* Atang de la Rama Hernandez?' To which she replied, much to my admiration and awe, *'Pag-utusan po'* (at your service). And that's how we started as phone pals."

When Conching Rosal knew she was going to die, she gave Dolor a portrait of hers which he donated to the Cultural Center of the Philippines, for what would have been a hall of fame, as envisioned by the late CCP President Bing Roxas. Dolor laments that to this day, nothing has come of the plan, and he wonders what happened to the diva's portrait.

In the Dolor residence, a wing serves as a music room, at the same time a repository of paintings and other art treasures. Alongside a gigantic Saint Joseph and the little boy Jesus stands a life-size portrait of the actress Charito Solis. A camphor chest contains Ramon Valera gowns given to Dolor by Gloria Romero, among them one she wore for the Marcos bio-film *"Pinagbuklod ng Tadhana."* Dolor intends to lend them to the Museum of Philippine Movies, should the project ever push through. "There's no point in keeping all these for my personal satisfaction," Dolor declares. "They are meant to be enjoyed and appreciated by the Filipino people, especially the youth."

Young Achievers
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Modern Young Maranaos

Johnny Villena

Nisa and Acmad have taken the best of two cultures

IN A MARANAO TRADITION, THE ELDER SISTER OF A BRIDE-TO-BE TESTS HER FUTURE BROTHER-IN-LAW'S INTENTIONS WITH THE QUESTION, "WHY DIDN'T YOU MARRY ME INSTEAD?" FOR MERENISA MOTI, THE ONLY GIRL AMONG A BROOD OF SIX, HER BROTHERS WILL POSE A DIFFERENT QUESTION TO A FUTURE HUSBAND: "WILL YOU PROTECT OUR SISTER?"

Maranao professionals based in Metro-Manila still believe in many traditions of their heritage. Even in courtship, siblings play important roles – as escorts on outings of prospective couples or as go-betweens in communication. Among Maranaos, it is taboo to ask the female directly for a "yes." The male suitor goes through third parties such as the cousins or the siblings of the female.

Merenisa and Acmad Moti are unique Maranao siblings who have complemented their Muslim ways with modern mores. For one, the Motis are a product of a multi-religious marriage (although their mother has converted to Islam). Their father, Usman Moti, Sr., is a full-blooded native of Ramain, Lanao del Sur, while their mother Amirah Panlaque hails from San Fernando, Pampanga. For another, the Motis are non-traditional, because they live away from their parents' home in Marawi City.

Successful IT executive Acmad Moti, 27, has defied the common stereotypes of Muslims as white-collar workers or street vendors. Acmad, a University of the Philippines graduate, is Chief Operating Officer (COO) of an Ortigas-based software company called 25*8, which provides "solutions" to client companies: banking systems, web and mobile solutions and new media services. During one business meeting with some government officials, who were curious about his name, "They were surprised when I told them I'm a Filipino Muslim," Acmad relates.

Acmad also designed a website with the Young Muslim Professionals in the Metro (YMP), www.bangsamoro.com, which has attracted loggers all over the world. Merenisa and Acmad envision young Muslims working towards providing networking and data services for Muslim communities.

Now with a niche of his own, Acmad is being courted by US-based IT companies. But he has decided to stay in the country.

Merenisa, 25, fondly called "Nisa" by friends, is a businesswoman-turned-medical intern. Now in her third year at the University of the Philippines-PGH, she is only one of five Muslims in the College of Medicine. She was pointedly singled out during one class; the professor asked if her veil was a fashion statement.

During her college days, Nisa introduced pizza to the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi campus, which hosts about 10,000 students from Visayas and Mindanao. The Motis, being pioneers in the grocery business in the early '90s with a shop located in the Commercial Center in MSU, innovated ways at attracting the largely student populace. Nisa wanted to lure Lanao's local Maranao students away from nearby Iligan and Cagayan de Oro cities, so they instead spend their snack hour in the Marawi locale.

Nisa and Acmad have fond memories of Marawi. Although they are *"mestizos"* – a term used to describe children of multi-religious marriages – they are proud of being Maranaos. "*Maratabat* (pride) serves a purpose," says Nisa. *Maratabat* among Maranaos is the pride in one's roots or lineage. For instance, although eligible to enter UP during college, Nisa was only allowed by her parents to leave Marawi after going to college in MSU.

Close family ties characterize Muslim culture. Women are discouraged from travelling alone without a *mahram* (close male relative, such as a father, husband or brother). Because her brother was already living in Manila in 1995, Nisa was permitted to study at UP PGH, but with close guidance from the elder sibling.

Their affinity with Luzon served as an advantage for the two. As children, they would travel and visit Christian relatives for holidays in Pampanga. "We were able to experience two cultures," says Acmad. By the time they migrated to Manila, they were used to the heat of the metropolis, far from the cool winds of Marawi.

Nisa and Acmad were unique siblings. A step ahead of many Maranao classmates during high school, they were both competing for top honors in the Science Training Center (the equivalent of the Philippine Science High School in Mindanao), which had predominantly Christian students. Acmad, an Oustanding Youth Science Researcher awardee of the Department of Science and Technology, was the first Maranao to enter the Asia-Pacific Math Olympiad held at the Ateneo de Manila University in 1991. The siblings naturally had an inclination towards the physical sciences. Their parents were, after all, both engineers. Acmad recalls that he could read the clock by the time he was four years old.

The siblings were trained to strive in academics and be responsible at home. Even if they owned a grocery, *"bawal kumuha ng walang bayad,"* said Nisa. If one couldn't pay, they would have a *"listahan"* of the debts they owed and had to pay with their future allowance.

In fifth grade, Acmad was shocked to see his classmates marry in grand weddings at such young ages. He recalls seeing the couples being borne up in floats, parading in the city. His father encouraged him to get married, too. But they struck a deal: If Acmad didn't want to find a bride now, he should finish college. And off to college he went, on the vast campus of UP Diliman. It was during their college days that the siblings, Nisa and Acmad, became closer.

"We would write letters," Nisa recalls. She describes her brother as bossy but sweet, while eldest brother Acmad would advise Nisa and their other siblings not to give their parents problems. In one of Acmad's letters, one piece of advice struck Nisa: that even if they grow older and become successful one day, they would always try to help each other.

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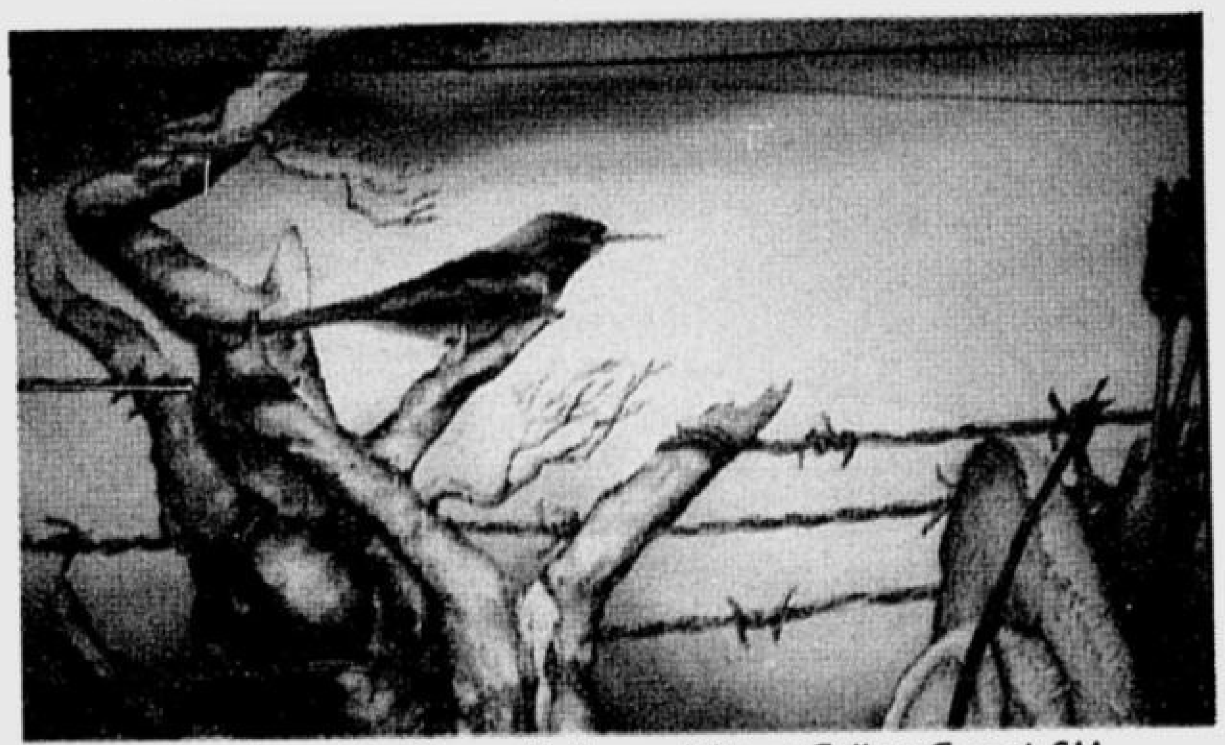
This Week

Art

Ang Pamilya, selected works by Norma Belleza which pay homage to the Filipino family, on view until today at Gallery 828, 6/F Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Mandaluyong City.

Voices, a one-man show of large works on paper by Elmer Borlongan at the Drawing Room, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Makati City. For details, call 897-7877.

Kulay sa Tubig, an annual invitational watercolor competition and exhibition at Gallery Genesis, 4/F, SM Megamall. Exhibit runs until August 22. For details, call 633-8137 to 38.



Joven Ignacio's "Bayan Ko," on exhibit at Gallery Genesi, SM Megamall

Spinning Stories, an exhibit of surrealistic drawings by Caroline Heider until August 15 at the Drawing Room, 1007 Metropolitan Ave., Metrostar Bldg., Makati City.

Putoclub, an exhibit of black and white photographs on a variety of themes by Pep Manalang, Trina Tinio, Nina Garcia, Rica Singson, Peggy Peralta, Tricia Okada and Michelle Lim, until August 24 at the Blind Tiger Bar and Gallery, 13 Visayas Ave., QC.

Wrong Pictures, a solo exhibit by R.M. de Leon at the Galleria Duemila, 4/L SM Megamall Bldg. A until August 19.

Trajectories, a joint exhibit of watercolor paintings by Hau Chiok and Sy Chiu Hua at the GSIS Museum of Art, Financial Center, Pasay City until August 31.

Images and Reality, a photo exhibit by Edgardo S. Santiago on Philippine shanties, ongoing at The Alcove, Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Avenue, Makati City until August 18.

Kulay Kalikasan, Nelson Mojica's exhibit of paintings depicting the lush gardens and landscapes of Cavite, ongoing until August 22 at Galeria de las Islas, 3/F Silahis Center, 744 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila.

Malang's Sketchbook, ongoing at the Luz Gallery, Locsin Bldg., Makati cor. Ayala Avenues, Makati City until August 23.

Seasons, a watercolor and acrylic exhibit of landscapes and seascapes by Leonardo M. Hidalgo until August 17 at the Asia Art Gallery, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Mandaluyong City.

Music

Five young Filipino artists join the **Asian Youth Orchestra** in a special concert with pianist Cecile Licad on August 17 and violinist Leila Josefowicz on August 18 as guest soloists at the CCP Main Theater, 8 p.m. For details, call 832-1125 loc. 1409.

RJ and the New Riots perform every Friday at 9 p.m. at The Hive Radio Café, 3/F Save-A-Lot Mall, 2884 Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati City. For details, call 894-2358 and 840-2784.

Onstage

El Camino Real, Nick Joaquin's play that traces the flight of Emilio Aguinaldo in the final war of resistance against the American colonial forces, runs at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio V. Tolentino on August 12, 16, 18 and 19. For details, call 832-3661.

Kanser, an adaptation of Jose Rizal's famous novel "Noli Me Tangere," will be presented by Gantimpala Theater Foundation on August 24 and 25, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the RFC Theater/Cinema in Las Piñas. For details, call 899-5745 and 897-1533.

Atbp

The Insurance World Magazine will hold a **news and feature writing seminar-workshop** to hone the writing skills of media relations people of insurance and pre-need companies on August 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bayview Park Hotel Manila, Roxas Boulevard cor. UN Avenue, Manila. Registration fee is P2,000. For details, call 413-2567 and 371-7377.

Alliance Francaise de Manille (209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air, Makati) offers **painting and drawing classes** for teens and adults to be conducted by Andrew Pascoots. Classes start on August 20. For details, call 895-7585 and 895-7883.

FILSCAP holds **songwriting seminar** this month: Record Production by Jimmy Antiporda (August 18), and The Music Business by Peewee Apostol and Dottie Tadeo on August 25. Lectures will be held at the Doña Consuelo Lim Bldg., 1365 E. Rodriguez Sr., QC. For inquiries, call 433-4107 and 925-2705.

East West Holistic Center is holding the following training/workshop activities: **Basic Therapeutic Massage** (August 13-17); Sports Massage (August 21-22); Thai Massage (August 23-25); Shiatsu (August 28-29). For details, call 712-7750 and 734-7957.

Writing for Magazines/Feature Writing Workshop, August 18-19, Earthlite, 4/F COD Dept. Store Bldg., Cubao, QC. Workshop features lectures and actual writing exercises. For details, call 417-1521.

Adarna House opens its doors to **submissions of children's stories** for its July 2002 batch of storybooks. All manuscripts must be typewritten and submitted to 73-A Scout Limbaga St., QC. There is no required theme or format for all submissions. Deadline is August 31. For details, call 372-3548 or 49.

Noel Cabangon in Closer to Fine, a singer/songwriter series at the Filipinas Heritage Library, wherein the singer sings his songs, discusses the issues behind it and the songwriting process, August 17, 6 p.m., Reading Room. Admission fee is P80. For details, call 892-1801.

Kahal, a health drink from young coconut that surprises the palate with the wonders of wine, is available at Bahay Nakpil, 432 Bautista (Barbosa) St., Quiapo, Manila. For inquiries, call 734-9341 or 704-8955.

X-manila

The Integrated Performing Arts Guild presents **cooltura@pop,** a novel vaudeville that draws inspiration from popular Pinoy images performed in popular and ethnic mediums, August 17-18, 7 p.m. at the MSU-IIT gym, Iligan City. For details, call (063) 517398 or 0917-9390371.

Labing-isang Daliri 2001, a week-long celebration of visual arts featuring the works of the UP Painters' Club members of UPLB, August 13-17 at the Sunken Lobby of the Student Union Building, UP Los Baños. For inquiries, call (0919) 6284847.

The Sunday Inquirer Magazine welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules and tickets. You can reach us by e-mail at sim@inquirer.com.ph or by fax at 897-4811.

Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

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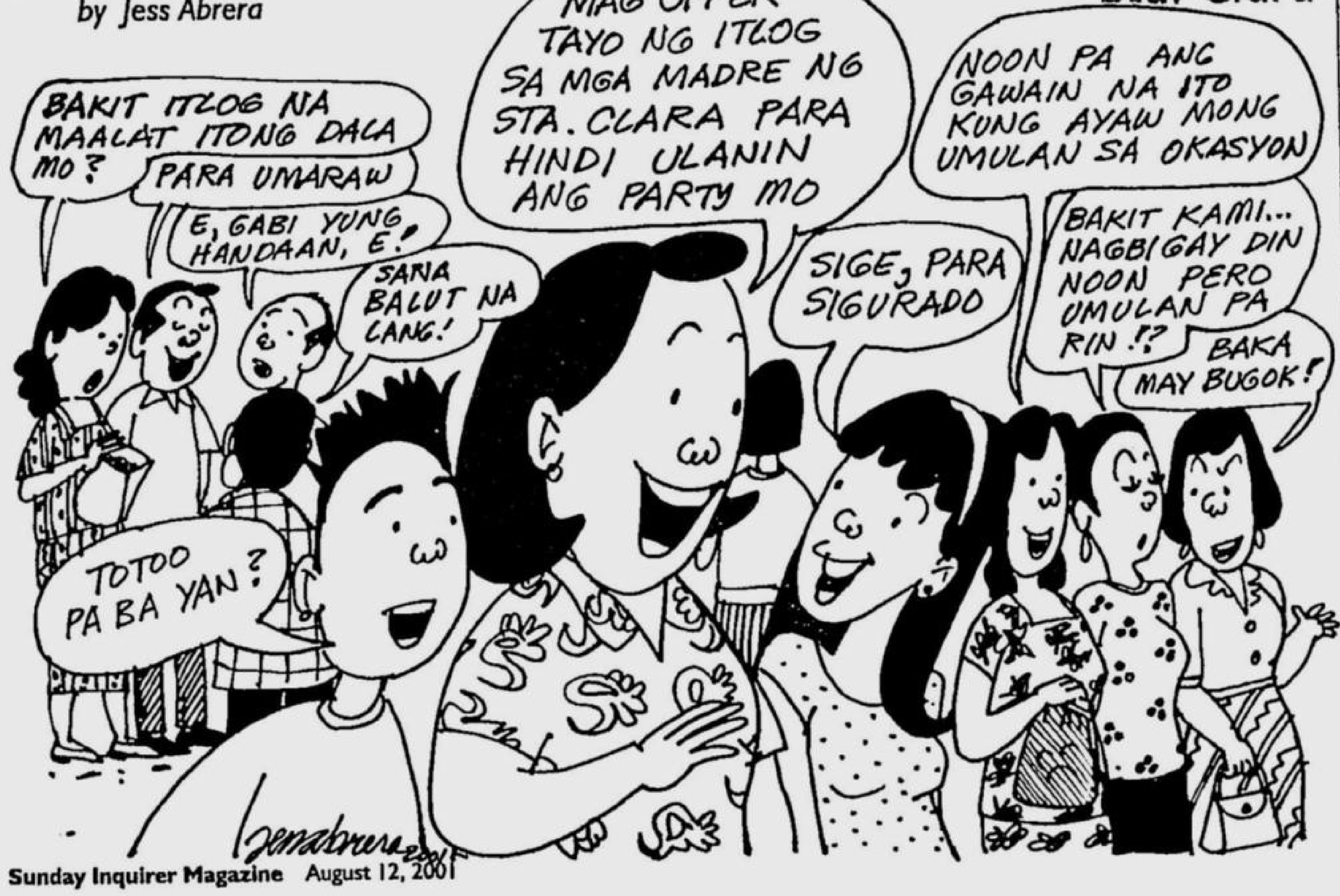
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On their love lives, "I would give her advice on how to deal with suitors: Don't get too close," Acmad says.

When Acmad finally found love, on the Internet with a fellow Maranao, Nisa was on hand to serve as a go-between. Mofaida Alonto, a broadcast producer/reporter based in Malaysia, was a former high school classmate of Acmad's. When the courtship started, Nisa and other cousins would organize outings for the prospective couple, of course escorted by the pack of kins. Now Acmad and Mofaida have been married for three years.

Successful but proud of their roots, Acmad and Nisa symbolize the modern young Maranao. Theirs is a vision to see educated Muslims integrated in mainstream society. And they're certainly leading by example. ◘

The author, 26, is a YMP member, and writes frequently on the Muslim experience.

Be thinner! A discovery: Spirulina that burns fats.

Now you can lose at least 3 kilos per week without dieting–and with a guarantee*

While distilling fresh algae, two French scientists discovered a substance that activates metabolism and makes one slimmer. As you may have read in the papers or seen on television, when metabolism is activated, the body burns the excess fats that are stored in it.

Find out below how you can receive Spirulina treatment for a free trial. And why you can lose 3 kilos per week without strict dieting. Even if you eat so much.

It's a fact. The moment you begin your Spirulina treatment, you don't stop losing kilos and inches of your body fats. Because the substances contained in these capsules of algae are going to stimulate your metabolism and in fact:

1) prevent the storage of new fats.

2) reduce accumulation of water and dissolve already formed fatty cells.

How does it work?

It's very simple while taking two tablets of Spirulina just with one glass of water, 3 times a day, you create in your body a burning power that forces you to get thinner even though you continue to eat as usual. Therefore, your weight decreases automatically and permanently. The unsightly bulges disappear. And you lose between 3 and 4 kilos per week.

- – No extra effort to exert.
- – No tedious dieting.
- – No exercises to make.

Why would these famous capsules of Spirulina be then more effective than the other methods or capsules that you may have already tried?

That can be explained by the fact that when you take a capsule of Spirulina 15 minutes before every meal, calorie absorption stops. The mixture of Spirulina with your food cleanses your body and burns fats instead of accumulating them.

Besides, Spirulina accelerates the process of digestion, thus preventing what you eat to be stored and added to your weight.

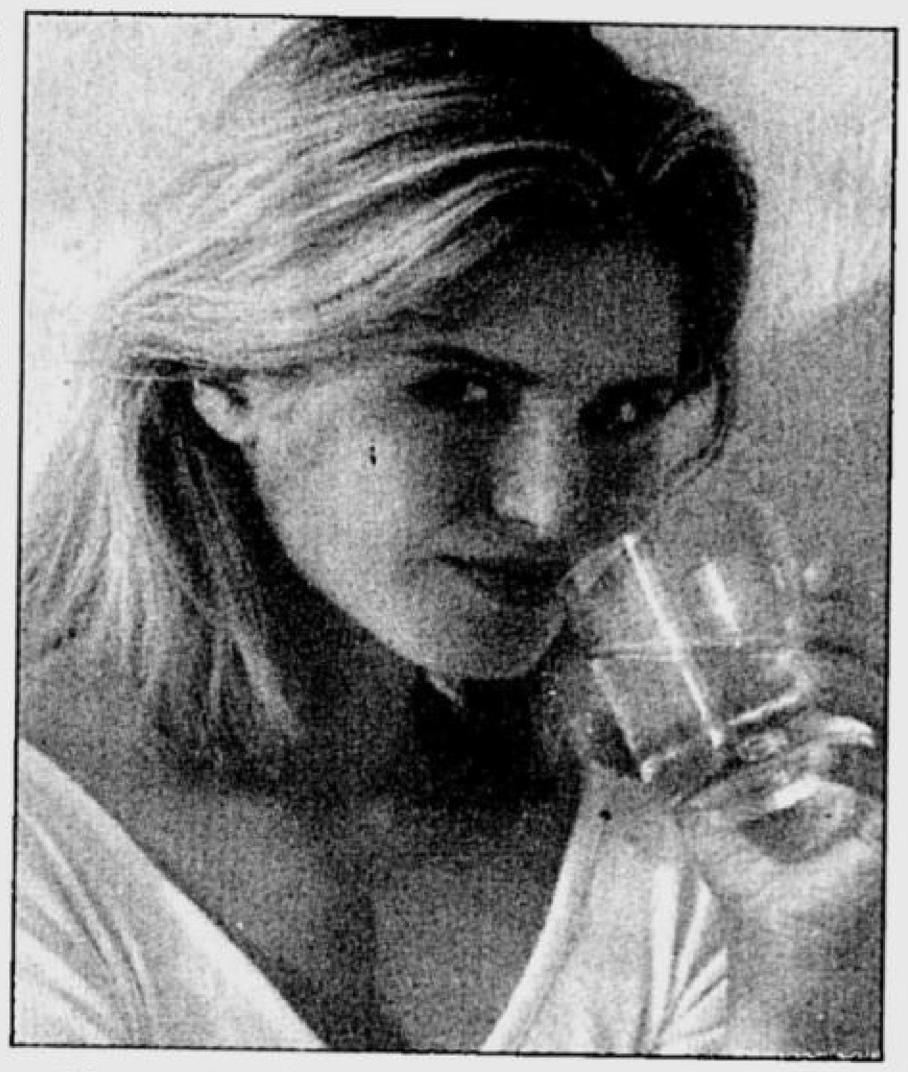
Authentic proofs

In several countries where these capsules are distributed, loss of 10 kilos in weight within 2 weeks is very frequent observation. This has been confirmed by thalassotherapy centers that prescribe treatments of Spirulina to women who have already tried everything, yet in vain.

Here are just some of what they say:

"Throughout the period of this treatment I felt in perfect shape, I didn't feel tired even if I got thinner by 15 kilos."

"It has been 9 months since I went through the treatment of Spirulina. I confirm that not a single kilo of the 12 that I lost came back."



Discover here how this simple action 3 times a day can make you lose all your excess body weight.

What you need to know about Spirulina

– Spirulina is especially recommended to people who have at least 5 or more kilos to lose. Do you have to lose an excess of 5 kilos or more?

– Although it gets every part of your body thinner, it has been observed that Spirulina is more effective for people whose excess body fats are accumulated within the hips and thigh area. Is this also true in your case?

– Spirulina has been proven to be more effective in women than in men. Although men can also get thinner, the process is quite slower due to their hormonal difference.

If despite your efforts, despite everything you may have tried before, you have never succeeded in either getting thinner or maintaining a normal weight... or if at the least food intake, you easily gain 1 or 2 kilos... find out how Spirulina treatment can make you, yourself, get thinner too, even if you go on with your eating habits as usual.

"I thought I'd remain so fat all my life. I had tried everything before. This treatment made me lose 15 kilos and I have recovered my self-confidence because I'm now enjoying my life."

"Six kilos lost in one week. It works like a miracle."

Finally, an effective means to lose all your excess weight

Probably you've always had the tendency to get fat (particularly in the lower portion of your body). Maybe in your family, the women have always been somehow stronger. Now, you need not worry anymore.

Whatever is your nature, it is certain that with this treatment you're going to lose the unwanted kilos that you have in excess.

All those who tried it got thinner... Some used to weigh 5 kilos in excess and lost them. Others had 10 kilos to lose and got rid of them. Still others lost up to 25 kilos of excess body weight.

What is surprising is that you begin to get thinner even within the first days of this treatment. You lose (depending on your body makeup) between 3 and 4 kilos per week, and regularly...

In addition, this works until you reach what the doctors call your "ideal body weight".

Additional advantage: Toward the third day of your treatment, you will feel better, more at ease, more relaxed, you will sleep peacefully... while at the same time, getting thinner yet eating the way you are used to.

Take advantage of this very special offer

Never in the past has been a means or method to get you thinner as powerful and as fast. We are the first to offer it to you because these algae extracts are not available in any drugstore in the Philippines.

That's precisely why we invite you to receive a complete treatment for you to try it out at your own home for 30 days.

This way, you can take your own time to find out for yourself the diminishing centimeters in your waistline, hips, thighs and stomach. You will also notice on weighing scale and in the mirror how much of the excess kilos in your body weight has gone away.

Guarantee

If you are not completely satisfied with your weight loss and with the fact that you will not gain more weight back, simply inform us by sending the package and the remaining unused treatment within 30 days following receipt of your package. In this case, I formally guarantee to send you immediately a refund of the amount you paid for the treatment with no questions asked.

You may therefore try it out even out of curiosity because you don't risk losing anything... even a single peso. Send us back the *No-Risk Free-Trial Coupon*below right now before you forget all about it.

When they saw how I got thinner, they couldn't believe their own eyes.

... "My husband used to abandon me; he was ashamed of my body figure."

... "Today, I am comfortable with my skin and feeling more attractive."

"It was after a chance meeting with a physician's wife that I succeeded in losing 20 kilos while continuing to eat as usual. She explained to me that she had gotten thinner thanks to this treatment. And without dieting. I told myself that it wouldn't ever work for me. Nonetheless, I tried, perhaps out of curiosity. I took a capsule in one glass of water at noon and in the evening. On the fifth day I went up on a weighing scale: the needle pointed 79 kilos. In short, I had lost 4 kilos in just 5 days. Yet, while eating as usual as I was used to.

I continued to take my capsules regularly and remained getting thinner. In all, I lost 20 kilos. And that is only for a period of two months and half. It happened in September 1992, and since then, I've gained back not even a hundred grams of it. And now I can finally flaunt my pretty dresses and look elegant."

COUPON FOR FREE TRIAL

Please mail immediately back to:
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Mandaluyong City, M.M.

YES, I am interested in your invitation for a free trial entirely at your own risks and without any obligation on my part. It is understood that:

1) I must lose between 3 or 4 kilos per week until I reach my "ideal body weight".
2) I must get thinner without going through any form of dieting, only while taking a capsule of Spirulina 15 minutes before every meal.
3) You officially guarantee that Spirulina is a 100% natural product based on algae and contains no chemical or pharmacological substances.
4) If I am not completely satisfied with my body weight loss or after a week treatment and by the fact that I will not regain more weight thereafter, I can advise you by simply sending back whatever is left on my first bottle and the remaining unopened bottles within 30 days by registered mail following my receipt thereof. In this case, you formally agree to send me immediately a refund of my payment for my package with absolutely no questions asked.

Under these conditions, please send me the Spirulina cure that I choose as follows:

☐ **Double** Spirulina cure, quantity enough to lose between 8 and 12 kilos for only P2,350.00 + P55 P&H = P2,405.00
☐ **Normal** Spirulina cure, quantity enough to lose between 5 and 8 kilos for only P1,350.00 + P55 P&H = P1,405.00
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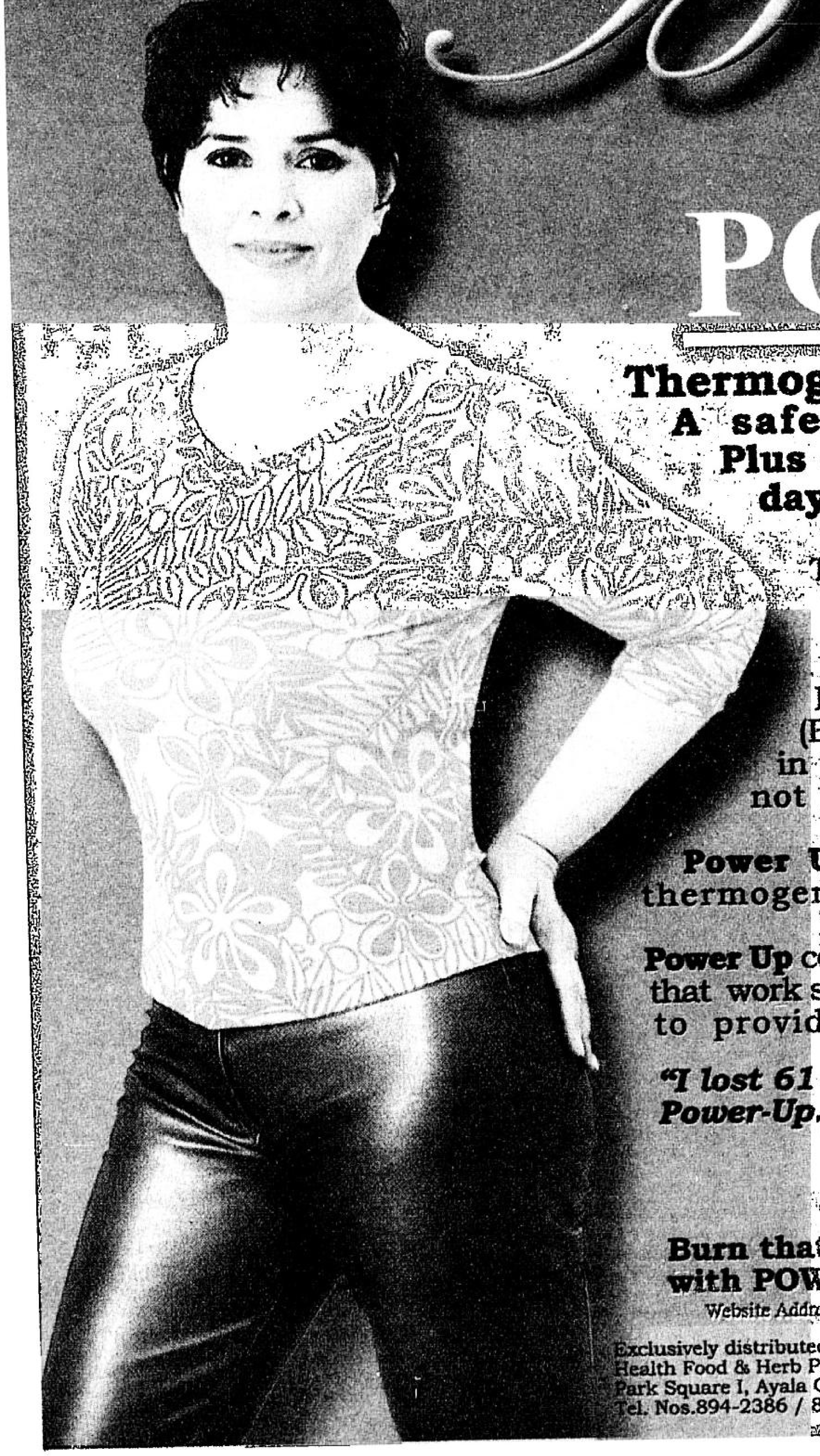

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